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FLOOD DISASTER IN GLASGOW AREA.

OVER 2,000 HOUSES SUBMERGED
BUS PASSENGERS TRAPPED.

(Reuter's Special Service).

London, Jan. 4.
More than two thousand families are homeless in Glasgow and the West of Scotland as a result of the sudden flooding of the River Clyde and Cart.

In the Cathcart District, houses are flooded to a depth of six feet and many distressing scenes were witnessed.

Many of the families in this region found themselves marooned in their homes. Numerous terrified children have been carried into safety by the police.

At Paisley, many houses are under water and the occupants, having no warning of the impending flood, were cut off.

The majority were obliged to swim to safety through bitterly cold water.

At the East End of Glasgow, motor-buses endeavoured to drive their way through the flood to safety and were brought to a standstill with the water high above the engine level.

The water steadily rose and the passengers and bus employees were in grave peril for their lives.

When their plight was discovered, it was found necessary to cut the tops of the marooned buses in order to extricate the imprisoned occupants.

Kilmarnock suffered the worst of all the centres affected by the flood. More over seven hundred were not only rendered homeless, but were rescued only after great difficulty.

The rapidly rising waters endangered the electric supply station. The engineers hung on at the station as long as possible, but eventually were obliged to abandon their posts.

In consequence a large area was plunged into darkness last night.

S. AFRICA BEGIN HEAVY TASK.

CHRISTY-MITCHELL PARTNERSHIP.

NOW NEED 329.

Melbourne, Jan. 5.
The last Australian wicket fell this morning without any addition to the overnight total in the Third Test. Ironmonger was clean bowled by Quinn without opening his score. The wicket saved Quinn from a no-wicket analysis. In the total of 554, Vincent took 4 for 154, McMillan took 4 for 150, Quinn 1 for 113 and Bell 1 for 101.

South Africa went in a second time needing 395 runs to win and suffered the loss of Curzon early on. At lunch-time, however, they had made 66 for 1, the scores being:

Australia—198 and 654.

South Africa—385.

Second Innings.

Curnow, b Grimmett 9
Mitchell not out 16
Christy not out 34
Extras 8
Total (for 1 wkt.) 60

—Reuter.



Dr. Alfred Sze, taken in Paris on the occasion of the Council meeting which caused his overstrain.

Dr. Sze Off For Rest Cure.

NERVE TROUBLE AFTER PARIS.

London, Jan. 4.
Dr. Alfred Sze, the Chinese Minister in London, who was obliged to spend some days in a nursing home in Paris after the League Council meeting, and subsequently left for the English countryside to recuperate, returned to London yesterday.

A medical examination, however, shows that Dr. Sze is in a nervous condition requiring several months' holiday.

It is now Dr. Sze's intention to depart on January 9 for Malaga, possibly continuing his journey into North Africa in search of the sun.

Reuter understands that Dr. Sze, fearing a lengthy absence from London, has requested the Chinese Government to appoint a substitute to take over charge of the Chinese Legation.—Reuter.

BURMA PLENARY SESSION.

MEETING EXPECTED NEXT WEEK.

London, Jan. 4.
The Burma Round Table Conference in London to-day began consideration in committee of the report prepared by its Chairman, Lord Peel, on the work of the Conference up to date. When consideration is completed, the report, with such amendments as may be necessary, will be sent to the plenary session, probably next week, when it is anticipated the Prime Minister will make a statement to the Conference.

British Wireless.

DEMOCRATS SEEK LOWER TARIFFS.

INTERNATIONAL MOVE SUGGESTED.

Washington, Jan. 4.
The Democratic Tariff Committee to-day agreed to a Tariff Bill which, it is understood, authorizes President Hoover to call an international economic conference to promote a lowering of international tariffs.—Reuter's American Service.

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CONGRESS SET UP ON "WAR FOOTING." Disturbances at Cawnpore, Allahabad and Calcutta

NEW PRESIDENT ARRESTED.

TWO-YEAR SENTENCE ON YOUNGER NEHRU.

INDIA'S IMMEDIATE reaction to the arrest of Gandhi has been less violent than might have been feared. Disturbances have occurred in a number of storm centres, but the mobs were dispersed without much difficulty and the only casualties reported occurred in a stampede.

Following the proscription of the Working Committee of Congress, the new President, Mr. Pradas has been arrested. The swiftness of the Government's actions has apparently surprised Congress, which is hastily forming "War Cabinets"—to operate successively as their predecessors are roped in by the long arm of the law—and enrolling Volunteers for the resumption of Civil Disobedience.

CURFEW ORDER AT CAWNPORE.

Bombay, Jan. 4.
The authorities are believed to be pursuing a steady campaign for the purpose of breaking up the Congress organisation. Rajendra Prasad, appointed by Vallabhi Patel to succeed him as President of Congress, was arrested at Patna to-day.

Congress circles in Bombay expect the arrests of two hundred local workers to occur in the next day or two.

Already a long list of successive "War Cabinets" have been prepared, and in the meantime, Congress is being established on a "war footing."

Volunteers enrolled will receive only their food and their uniform, but will not receive a payment of six annas daily, as on the last occasion. The Volunteers will be billeted in residences throughout the city.

PROTECTION FOR BRITISH

"Absolute protection must be given to every Englishman, English woman and child, whether official or not," reads a statement which Gandhi left behind giving directions as to the policy of the Congress after his arrest.

In a message to the United States, he says: "India wants now what India has wanted all along—independence in your American sense of the term; not whittled or shackled independence, but the real thing with such safeguards as Indians deem proper, fitting and honourable.

"A HABIT THEY HAVE."

The British may jail me again—it is a habit they have. They can lock up my body, but not my soul. My spirit and that of tens of thousands of others goes marching on.

What manifold millions have set their hearts upon they will, they must ultimately get. We Indians want to attain our hearts' desire by peaceful methods, not by war. But we shall not shrink from it if it is forced upon us.

There are not enough jails in all India to hold our people, disobedience having been declared upon. Even Britain cannot jail a whole people.

Demonstrations following the arrest of Gandhi have occurred in many cities throughout India.

ALLAHABAD CASUALTIES.

At Allahabad to-day, two persons were killed and several injured in the crush of a huge crowd while the police were dispersing a prohibited procession demonstrating over Gandhi's incarceration.

Thirty arrests were made, including the brother-in-law of Jawahar Lal Nehru.

Jawahar Lal Nehru was to-day sentenced at Ahmedabad to two



Gandhi spending his time at Poona Gaol spinning. Photo was taken during his previous incarceration in 1930. He has resumed occupation of his old quarters.

CONGRESS BID FOR CONTROL.

CAUSES OF NEW CRISIS IN INDIA ANALYSED.

London, Jan. 4.
THE arrest of Gandhi, on whose advice the Indian Congress has determined upon a renewal of the civil disobedience movement, indicates that firm action is to be taken to preserve order in India.

It is authoritatively stated that Government of India, with the full approval of His Majesty's Government, will use all its statutory powers to combat what is, in effect, a challenge to the Government in carrying out its most elementary responsibilities.

The ground for the action of Congress, apart from the Prime Minister's announcement at the end of the Round Table Conference, which Congress regards as wholly inadequate, but which was accepted by the Round Table Conference itself as promising further fruitful negotiations, are the Ordinances which the Government of India have recently put into force to cope with grave emergencies in three provinces.

The Bengal Ordinances give the Provincial Government the powers necessary to protect their officials and the public against a widespread and dangerous terrorist conspiracy.

On arrival, the firemen found that the flames had got a firm hold of the yard, quantity of timber being already alight. Another appliance was sent for from Tsimshatsui and with this additional aid, the outbreak was subdued by 3.45 a.m.

The place was smouldering until about 5.30 a.m. when there was definitely no fear of the blaze breaking out again.

The site was occupied by the Chan Tak Cheong timber-yard, having a length of about 120 feet and a breadth of 80 feet. The place, it is understood, has been insured for \$2,000.

It is believed that some sparks set alight a small shed nearby and the flames spread to the timber-yard.

Special measures in both provinces are clearly necessary so long as such activities last.

DEFENCES IMPERILLED.

In the North West Frontier Province, a movement aiming at complete independence is in being which seriously endangers peace and order within the province and gravely imperils the defences of India at its most critical point.

Its leaders have rejected the proposals of the British Government for constitutional advance in the Province, though those proposals had the approval of all parties of the Round Table Conference, and to further their ends, they are endeavouring to exploit the economic distress and to embroil the unstable and warlike tribes of the frontier.

The end in view is to bring the Government in India to a standstill.

The assumption is made by Congress that the ignorant peasantry can be taught to defy the ideal of non-violence. But history shows that outbursts of violence which spare no class or creed are the inevitable consequence of such teaching.

POLICY UNCHANGED.

Prompt and decisive measures against the leaders of such a movement are regarded as imperative, but the Government are equally determined not to be diverted from the policy of political advance for India which was set out in the Prime Minister's statement at the conclusion

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HEAVY FIGHTING AT LIENSHAN.

CHINESE AGAIN IN RETREAT.

EUGENE CHEN'S WAR CRY.

Tientsin, Jan. 5.

Although their ranks were finally broken, two regiments of Chang Hsueh-liang's troops in Manchuria are reported to have given a good account of themselves in a fifteen-hour battle with Japanese forces at Lienshan, yesterday morning.

Chinese sources, while admitting heavy losses, claim that severe casualties were inflicted on the Japanese.

The survivors of the Manchurian troops are now trying to fight their way through to Ichow, where the Manchurian Government has established its new headquarters, but the Japanese are striking swiftly on their heels and many have been disarmed.

NEW JAPANESE OBJECTIVE.

Other Japanese troops are reported to be progressing rapidly down the Peking-Mukden Railway, which is hopelessly disorganized, with Shantung as their objective.

The Chinese main army has retired from Chinchow, northwards, being concentrated at Ichow and Chaoyang. Japanese aeroplanes, reconnoitring, have already appeared at Suichunhsien.

CHINESE CONCENTRATION.

They were merely observation planes and made no attempt to bomb the town. The Peking-Mukden Railway trains are not proceeding further from Peking than Shantung.

A heavy concentration of Chinese troops is proceeding at Luan-chow, in Chihli, a few miles to the south of Shantung.—Renew.

FOREIGN MINISTER'S STATEMENT.

Nanking, Jan. 5.

The following statement was issued yesterday by the Foreign Minister, Mr. Eugene Chen:

"In defiance of the will of the civilized world as expressed in the decisions of the League of Nations, the Japanese militarists have created a situation in Manchuria which is indistinguishable from a state of war.

"It is the task of the new Government in China to end this state of war.

"Pending this, the Government will insist on the orders already despatched to Chang Hsueh-liang to defend Chinchow at all costs, even though defeat is inevitable.

"Defeat may renew the strength and power of a people even as a brutal victory may debase a nation and lower its character and moral stature in the judgment of men." (Signed) Eugene Chen—Sino News Service.

QUIET EXCHANGE MARKET.

SILVER DOWN IN AMERICA.

Dull conditions continue to prevail on the Hongkong exchange market, the dollar being unchanged at 1s. 5s/1d. on demand.

Silver is up 1/16th in London, both spot and forward. The Continent were small buyers, but there was little business on a quiet market. After the official fixing, the market ruled dull, America being inclined to sell.

In New York, silver has dropped 1/8th, while the cross-rate is down to 8.371.

Shanghai, like Hongkong, is dull, with practically no business passing.

The sixth annual sports meeting of the Volunteer Defence Corps is to be held at the Club de Recreio groups on the 2nd instant. Entries close to the Hon. Secretary of the Sports Committee on the 1st instant.

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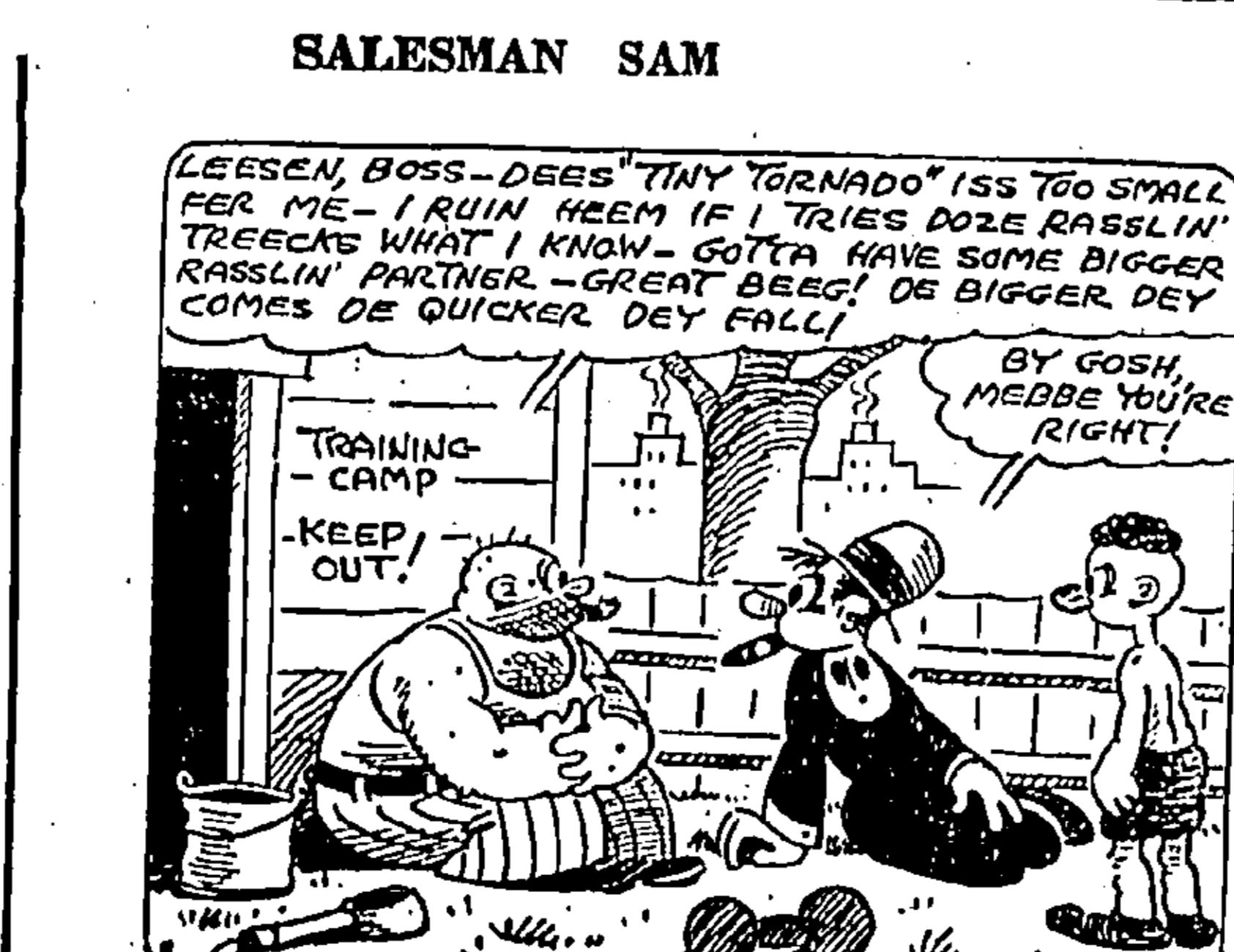
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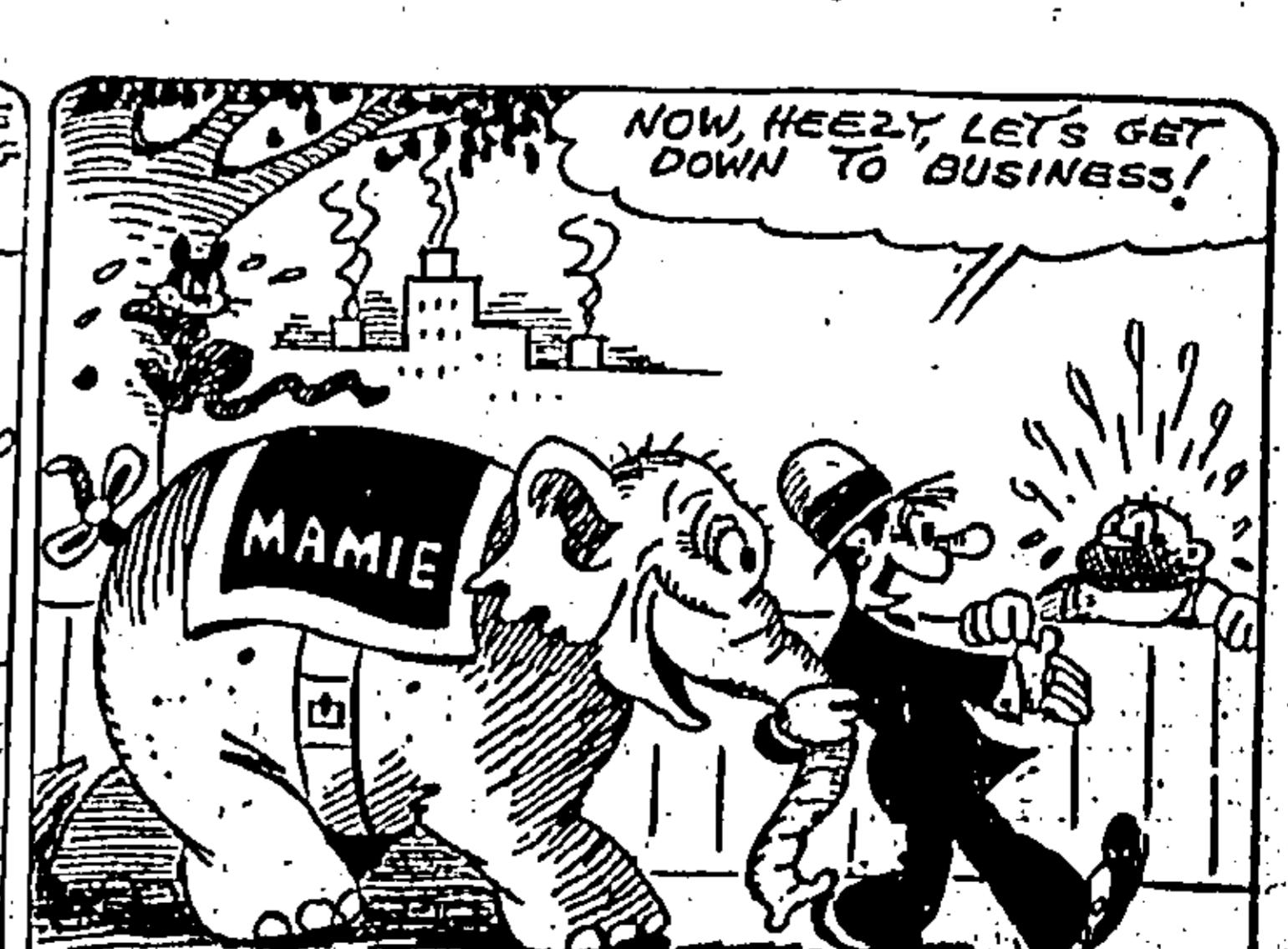
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**CANTON STREET OUTRAGE.****JAPANESE VISITOR MURDERED.**

Canton, Jan. 4. A Japanese named Yoshihiro Terao has been murdered here. He came by train from Kowloon to Canton, arriving in Canton about 7 o'clock on the evening of December 31. While in a rickshaw proceeding towards Shamien he was set upon by a gang and beaten down. He succumbed to his injuries about 10 o'clock the same night at the French Hospital.

The scene of the murder was almost exactly opposite the door of the old British Boycott Headquarters at the East Garden. From the fact that the unfortunate man was dressed in Japanese costume it is thought that he was unaware of the high state of feeling against his countrymen in Canton.

Evidently he was a traveller for pleasure and all that is known about the man is his name and the fact that he came from Osaka via Formosa and Hongkong. This is shown by cards and letters in his pocket.

Redress has been demanded of the Chinese Government by the Japanese Consul-General Mr. Suma. A representative of the press was informed by the Consul-General that it is hoped that the Chinese Government will settle the case on a just, humanitarian basis but if it does not show any disposition to make an adjustment, the case will be referred to arbitration.

Foochow Murder.

Foochow, Jan. 4. The commander and an officer of the Japanese cruiser stationed here were assaulted in West Park and both wounded.

A Japanese teacher and his wife were murdered last night outside the Japanese Club by unknown persons, presumably communists.—Reuter.

Chinese Version.

The two Japanese naval officers were injured during an anti-Japanese demonstration. Chinese reports allege that the students were roused to fury by the sight of a camera in the possession of one of the naval officers. The wounded Japanese were accompanied by Chinese Police officers who brought them to safety at the Police Station.

For six hours the students surrounded the Police Station demanding that the Provincial Government protest to the Japanese Consulate.

In a report to the Nanking Government the Foochow authorities state that the misunderstanding and the assault were due to the fact that the Japanese officers were not in uniform and their position was therefore not known to the students.—Reuter.

Warships Sent.

Tokyo, Jan. 4. Three destroyers have been ordered to sail from Sasebo to Foochow, where the cruiser Kitakami has already landed a hundred bluejackets to protect Japanese lives and property.—Reuter.

British Troops.

London, Jan. 4. Reuter learns that there is no truth in a statement that British troops have been ordered to Chin-chow.

Lord Lytton has not yet replied to the invitation to be chairman of the League's Manchurian Commission.—Reuter.

Possible Demand.

Paris, Jan. 4. Mr. Hoo's departure to Geneva today is regarded as significant of a possible Chinese demand for immediate convocation of the League Council as a result of the Chin-chow occupation.

The possibility of such a request has always been entertained in Chinese League circles.

Mr. Hoo will be remaining at Geneva until the Council meeting on January 26, unless a special meeting be convened at Paris earlier.—Reuter.

THE ART OF THE CAMERA.**UNIVERSITY FINE EXHIBITION.**

Canton, Jan. 4. Encouraged by the success of its first three exhibitions, the committee of the Hongkong University Amateur Photographic Club has this year taken the bold step of inviting some of the leading American exhibitors to display their work in the annual exhibition which opened yesterday at the University, and the success of the innovation cannot be doubted.

The display of photographic art is probably one of the finest ever seen in Hongkong, and although, somewhat naturally, local competitors found their work slightly inferior to the overseas invaders in the open classes, the competition is bound to provide the necessary incentive to bigger and better efforts on the part of local amateurs.

New Standard Set.

The exhibition this year sets quite a new standard in pictorial art, and in all four classes. Landscape, Genre, Still Life and Portraiture, the work is of the highest possible order. From the American and English exhibitors comes some entirely new technique and their displays yesterday were the source of much admiration. But local competitors have revealed a vast improvement, and in view of the difficulties of obtaining variety of paper and applying special preparations to their pictures, their exhibits can be regarded as being exceedingly fine.

Several Famous Photographers.

There are no less than 65 exhibitors, who are showing over 400 pictures. Among them is Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, the President of the Club, while American and English exhibitors include such well-known names as Dr. Max Thorek, E. J. G. Schermerhorn, Edward P. McMurtry, Frank R. Faple, A. J. Pandian, Fred P. Poll, A. C. Brooks, Franklin I. Jordan and J. N. Unwalla.

Entries this year have come from America, England, Java, Malaya, Japan and Dutch East Indies, and next year it is hoped to extend invitations to participate in the exhibition to the Continent.

In view of the keen competition resulting from the exhibiting by such well known amateur photographers as those mentioned above, the task of the judges was in no way lightened, but they carried out their onerous task with great success and their awards are certain to meet with general favour. Those who were responsible for judging the entries were Mr. E. A. Von Kozha, Mrs. M. O. Pfister, and Mr. K. W. Khoo.

The Organizers.

The work of organizing the exhibition was again efficiently performed by the officials and committee of the Club, among them being the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall (President), Mr. C. Y. Yeap (Chairman), Mr. K. D. Ling (Secretary), Mr. T. W. Goh (Treasurer) and Messrs. K. W. Khoo, F. Y. Khoo, F. S. Fernando and V. Enok (committee).

British Troops.

Tokyo, Jan. 4. The exhibition will be open daily in the University Union Hall until Saturday, when the prizes will be presented.

PRIZE WINNERS.

Landscape—Open competition, Advanced class—1st, Back Street in Rouen, Fred P. Peel; 2nd, Icy Shore, L. H. Longwell; 3rd, Early Morning Edmund B. Lucas.

Beginners Class—1st, Bench Curves Kwok Kung Kan; 2nd, Reflections Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall; 3rd, The Boatman Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall.

Portraiture.

Open competition advanced class—1st, Mehelli J. N. Unwalla, F.R.S.A., A.R.P.S. 2nd

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Beginners Class—1st, Companions in Adversity Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall.

Genre.

Open competition advanced class—1st, Cyril Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall; 2nd, Children's Corner Chow Cheng Lam, B.A.; 3rd, Solo Modern Dr. Max Thorek, F.R.P.S.

Beginners Class—1st, Little Mother H. C. Goh; 2nd, The Trio Tay Gen Tin; 3rd, Gathering Firewood Chan Koon Pak.

Still Life.

Open competition, Advanced class—1st, Still Life C. W. Clarke; 2nd, Twine C. W. Clarke; 3rd, Specs Edouard C. Kopp.

Beginners.

Class—1st, Sieves Mme. Choong Yin Weng; 2nd, Flower Study Mme. Choong Yin Weng.

Landscape Members Competition—Advanced Class—1st, The Twilight Deepens P. A. Dragon; 2nd, The Storm Approaches P. A. Dragon.

Portrait.

Open competition, Advanced class—1st, Reflections Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall; 2nd, The Boatman Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall.

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Open competition, Advanced class—1st, Reflections Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall; 2nd, The Boatman Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall.

Still Life.

Members Competition—Advanced class—1st, The Tryat Chow Chong Lam, B.A.; 2nd, P. A. Dragon.

LOCAL WEDDING.**P. W. D. OFFICIAL MARRIED.**

The marriage took place at St. John's Cathedral yesterday afternoon of Miss May Biddick, second daughter of Mrs. E. J. Biddick of "Restholme," Padstow, Cornwall, and the late Mr. F. Biddick, and Mr. Eric Frank Buttress, the third son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Buttress of Harpenden, Herts. The Rev. N. V. Halward officiated. Mr. F. Mason was at the organ.

The bride, who was given away by Mr. E. S. Carter, wore a dress of pale blue shadow lace and carried a bouquet of white sweet peas and roses. The matron of honour was Mrs. H. T. Creasy.

Mr. R. H. Woodman performed the duties of best man.

Following the ceremony at the cathedral a reception was held at the Hongkong Hotel. The Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy proposed the toast to the happy couple. The honeymoon is being spent in the Colony, the bride leaving the hotel in a brown gown with coat and hat to match.

2nd. A Worker at Stone Chow Cheng Lam, B.A.; 3rd. At Play Chow Cheng Lam, B.A.

Beginners Class—1st, Companions in Adversity Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall; 2nd, Cyril Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall.

Beginners Class—1st, Little Mother H. C. Goh.

Genre Members Competition—Advanced Class—1st, Children's Corner Chow Chong Lam, B.A.; 2nd, P. A. Dragon.

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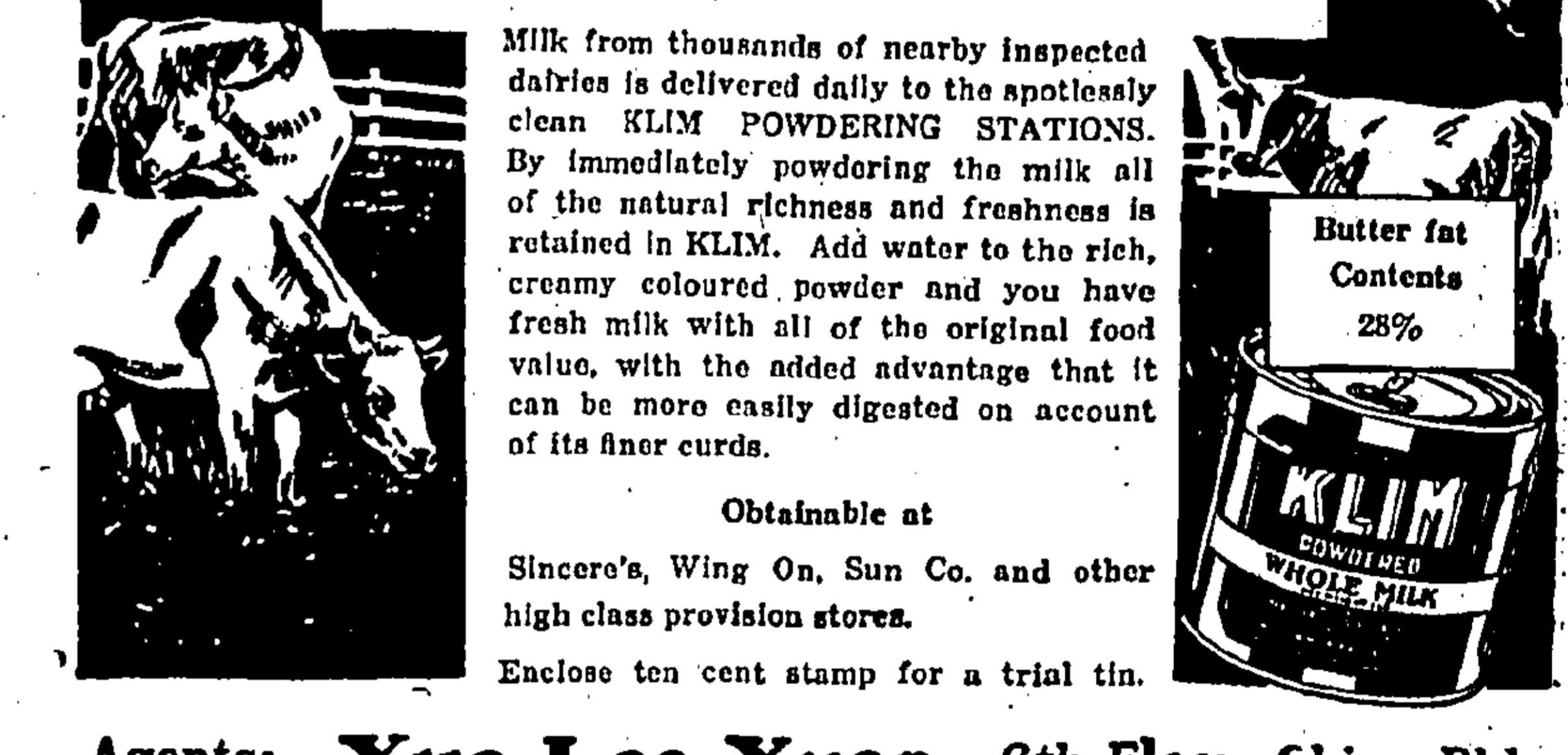
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FRENCH VISITOR.**MAY HAVE TALKS WITH BRITISH MINISTERS.**

London, Jan. 4.

M. Borthelot, the Secretary General of the French Foreign Office, is in London on a short visit to the French Art Exhibition, which opens at the Royal Academy to-day.

It is anticipated that while in London he will have informal conversations with British Ministers regarding current political problems.—British Wireless.

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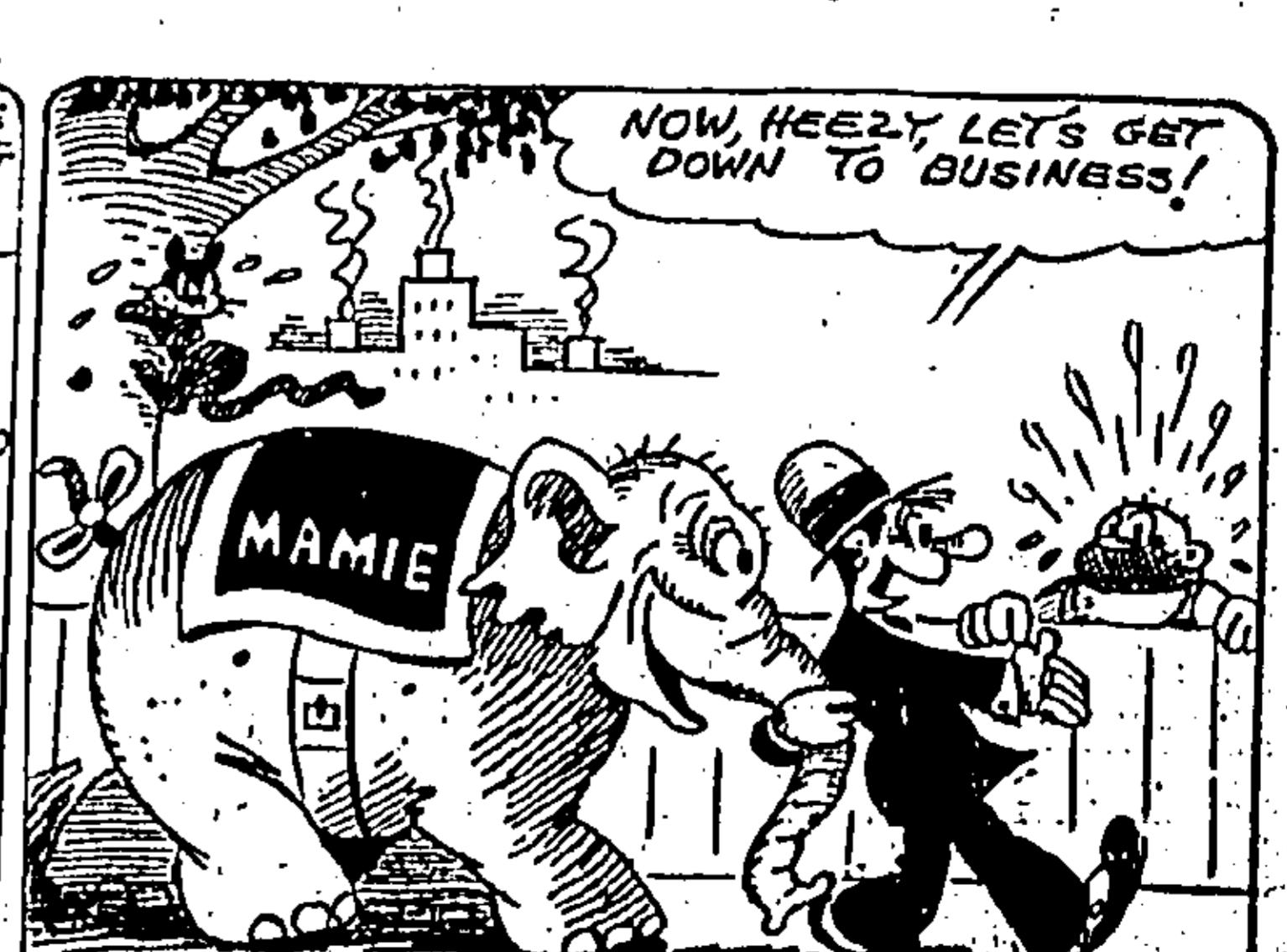
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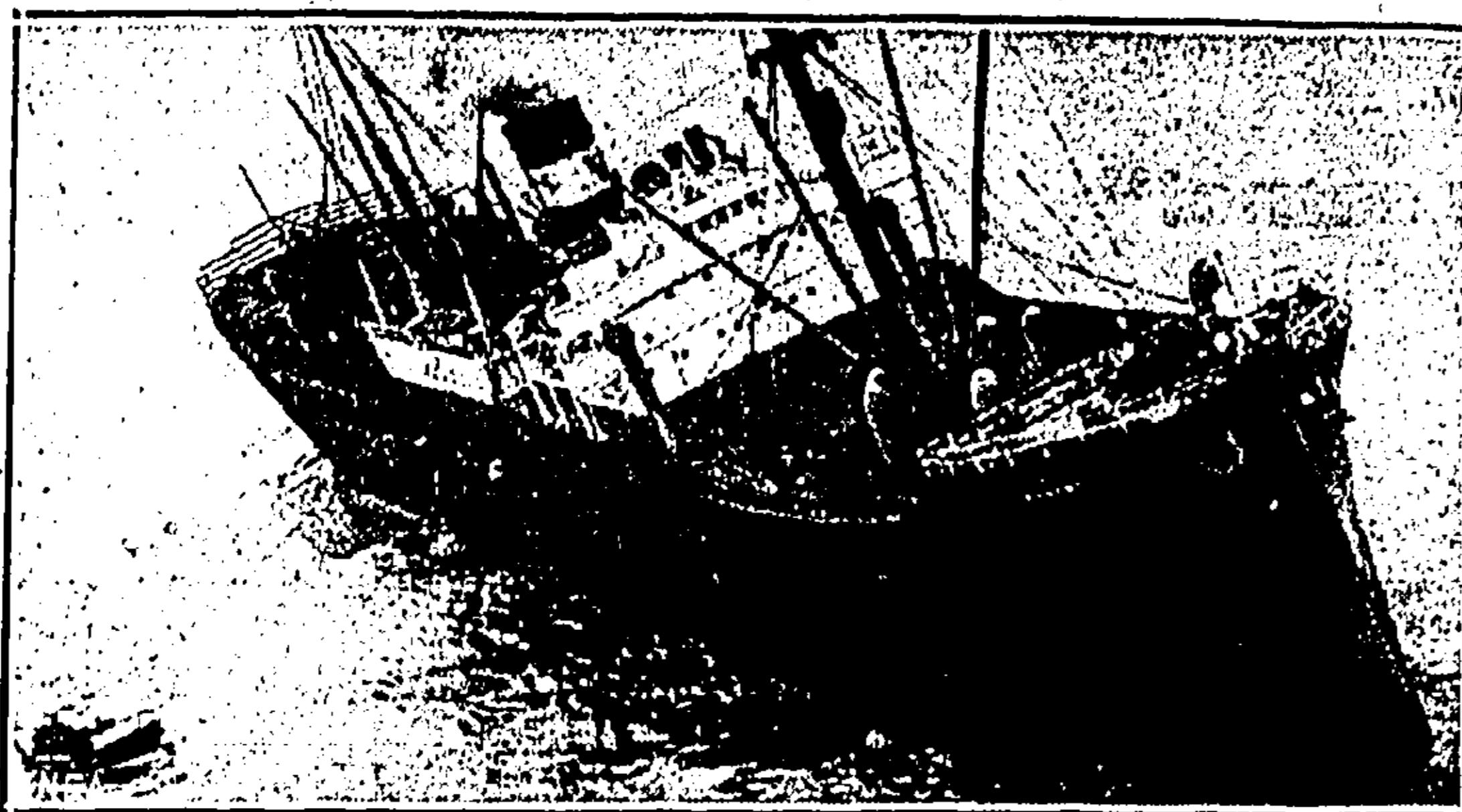
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Aground in the English Channel, the American steamship Hybert is shown here as it listed and slowly settled into the Goodwin Sands. The lifeboat (at left) is standing by ready to take off members of the crew. Eventually the craft got off.



The King and Queen, the Prince of Wales, the Duchess of York and Prince and Princess Arthur of Connaught are shown above in the Royal Box at the Royal Albert Hall witnessing the British Legion Festival.



George F. Barlow, farmer of Greenwich, Conn., has discovered an outcropping of gold-bearing granite on his 85 acre farm, assaying \$4.75 a ton. Ores assaying less have been worked profitably, and he is enlisting aid to determine extent of the gold seam. He is shown washing a piece of ore.



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Gems of Peril

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BEGIN HERE TO-DAY.

Rich old Mrs. Jupiter is robbed and murdered during the engagement party she gave for her secretary, Eddie. The thief steals away the famous Jupiter necklace. Suspicion points to Mary's brother, Eddie, who killed his car as he goes home, but you find that "It's not Eddie," says Bowes, police reporter for the Star, conducts a private investigation. He discovers a racetrack crook called The Fly who is behind the robbery. Eddie, the killer, is in the house, is recognized by the butler as one worn by a "gate-crasher" he ejected the night of the murder. Mary, who is in love with Eddie, believes Eddie guilty and forbids her to see him fearing further notoriety. They quarrel but make up and plan to marry at once. Mary meets Bowes at the station with the Fly. It is said to be hiding. Eddie comes to take her home. He is on his way to lock up the Jupiter necklace when his hide-out is discovered. The Fly is not there. Mary seizes the necklace about her throat just as three strangers enter.

They leave, followed by Bowes, who fears an attempt on the necklace. Eddie does not. The two men quarrel. Just as Eddie locks up the necklace there is a crash in the street outside.

CHAPTER XXI.

"What is it? What is it?" Mary whispered, trying vainly to see into the street from the other side of the window. Her view was cut off by a cornice. Dirk was leaning far out to get a clear view of what happened. He waved one hand as a signal to keep quiet. To the waiting girl the suspense was agonizing. Angry voices floated up and various bumps and thuds, as of a weary car settling to rest.

He pulled his head in and shut the window quietly before speaking.

"Just that blamed idiot, Bowen, and his rattletrap," he said dismally. "Somebody smacked him in the head. Looks as if he'd tried to turn around, and they rammed into him amidships." He shook his head wonderingly. "Of all the prize boos—Come on, let's go down and look at the wreckage."

He looked about the room, tried the lock on the safe-door to make sure it was fastened, turned off the light, locked the door, and they trotted downstairs.

Mary was worried. "Do you suppose he's hurt?"

"Couldn't see," Dirk said. "Hope they didn't hurt our car. Guess not. It's further up the street."

As they came out into the street there was the sound of footsteps running, drawn by the magnet of an accident. A policeman was visible, pounding along at the lower end of the block, his night-stick slapping against his leg as he ran.

Bowen was not there to be seen, but the street was completely blocked at the upper end by his car, up-ended and lying on its side. Jammed into it on the other side, like a locomotive whose cow-catcher has scooped up a mass of debris, was a black limousine with platinum trimmings.

"Did you see it?" he asked.

"Yes, I lost a good finger nail saving your worthless hide!" Bowen agreed amiably, squinting at

Ronald Colman, below, the British screen star, is in France where he is reported to be planning to file suit for divorce from Thelma Ray, above, British actress. They have been separated since 1926. Miss Ray, shown at the top, is not expected to contest the action.

"No. We just came up. That's my car down there," Dirk answered negligently.

"Tell him," Mary whimpers.

"Tell him about the car—you—" Her eyes were black with fear and her teeth chattering.

Before another word could be said Bowen jolted between them, giving Mary an unmistakable jab in the ribs with his elbow. The car wined her, and the surprise took the words out of her open mouth.

He took the officer aside and they held brief confab. Bowen's police card helped to smooth matters over. Dirk's quick "Sshh" kept Mary from making any further attempt to speak of the other car. Puzzled but quiescent, she let him lead her back to the coupe. His animosity toward Bowen seemed to have melted abruptly.

Presently Bowen and the policeman parted, and Bowen came straight to their car.

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In most working-class families, said Mr. Storey, it was the custom for the husband to deduct an agreed sum from his wages for his personal needs, and to hand over the rest to his wife. Out of his own wage he retained 15s., which went as follows:

Overcoat s. d.

New coat, £4, every two years 12 0

Food 30 0

Fuel and light 6 0

Insurance 2 0

This left 14s. 6d. a week out of which clothing and everything else had to be bought.

His clothing allowance was £10 a year for himself and £12 for his wife.

Mr. Storey did not reveal how his wife spent her money on clothes but he detailed the chief items of his own clothing account.

They were:

Overcoat s. d.

New coat, £4, every two years 80 0

Two pairs of boots 30 0

Four shirts 24 0

Two hats and a cap 12 0

Underclothing 10 0

In addition to clothing his wife and himself out of the margin of 14s. 6d. a week the children had to be dressed, and household renewals made. If there was no serious illness, Mr. Storey said, there would be enough left for a holiday and a "visit to the cinema now and then."

Rent and rates were the biggest burden, and a family with an in-

come of £4 a week could not comfortably afford to pay more than 12s. a week for these items, though many people were paying more.

Mr. Storey suggested that the £3 6s. which he handed to his wife should be spent as follows:

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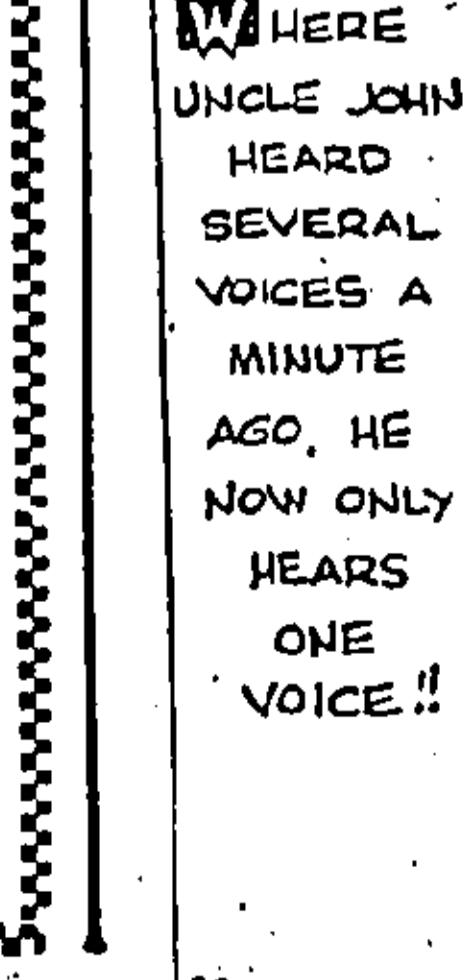
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FASHION NEWS.

The New Materials.

One of the principal novelties for this season is the reintroduction of tailor-made clothes (not to be mistaken for sports clothes), which I considered the most elegant style of dressing during the day. This however, does not prevent the dressmakers showing a good selection of woollen robes de sport.

Velvet is sure again to be prime favourite, as well as figured piping. This latter is destined, it is said, to replace satin.

Tweeds are to retain a place of honour. The new ones are extremely colourful, and some of them remind one of nothing so much as a field of many-coloured flowers seen from the air. There are many types of tweed, some are finely and closely woven, in one colour, or in two not very different shades of the same colour.

Others are so open that, in the proverbial phrase, you could almost shoot bows through them, and a full of dots and patches of colour that the entire palette seems to be represented. Some look like jerseys till you examine the direction of their threads.

The jerseys, on the other hand, from a little distance look exactly like tweeds.

The crepey woolens have a tendency towards ever-increasing suppleness. The broad loth weaves appear for coats, and this is one of the leading winter materials. A good many plaids appear, and even among silks we find numerous plaids.

Stripes are not so numerous, and neither do we seem to be advised, though they are taking a long time about it.

PICTURESQUE SILHOUETTES.

However sumptuous and picturesque the model may be, its silhouette must be shapely and expressive of good line. That may be why flat furs are so well favoured. Certainly it explains the popularity of supple materials with fur trimmings. As with frocks, so with coats, the best of the new styles fit to the figure—if without fastenings they wrap close—and there is just the merest suggestion of a flare near the hem of full-length coats.

There is no sparing of detail, and furriers anxiously plan a pattern with points running in different directions. The back of a beige squirrel coat I saw the other morning was most interesting on account of the arrangement of the narrow lengths of fur. They all sloped to the centre. The diagonal line is the most interesting of all. *H. M. In Exchange.*

FOR CAREFUL SMOKERS.

A new style of ashtrays will prove a boon to many housewives who are tired of burns on their carpets or smouldering cigarette-ends in their ashtrays. A small, circular chromium-plated tray—or oxidized copper, if preferred—is fixed to a "bowl" of copper, an immediately the cigarette-end is dropped into the tray it falls into the bowl and is extinguished without any smoke or smell. These trays may be emptied and cleaned in a moment, and may also be obtained with a match-box attachment or in a high, upstanding shape.

ANOTHER MODISH HAT.

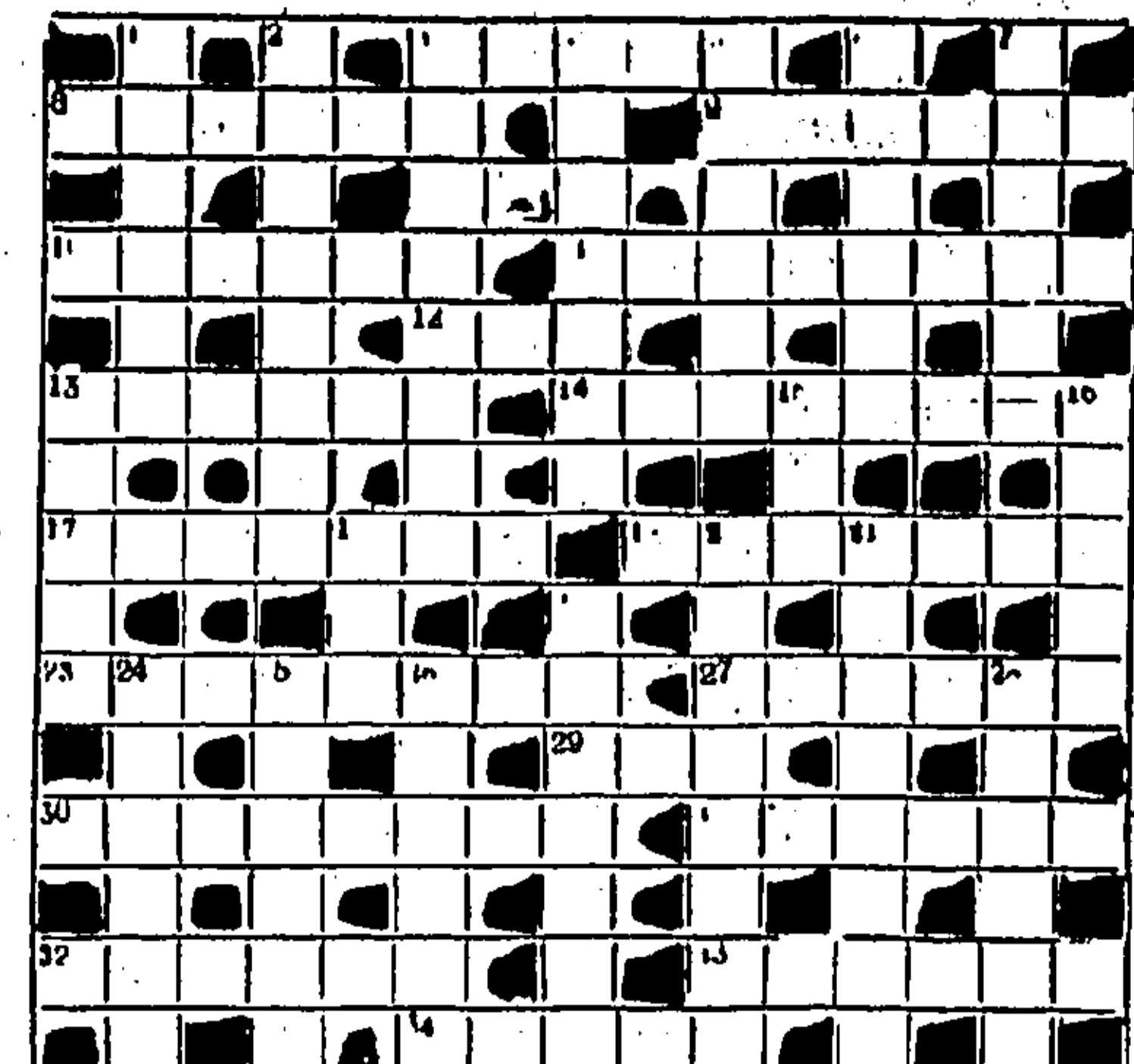


Here is a little modified Empress Eugenie hat that combines the ease of last year's knitted turbans with the chic of this year's lines. It is brown wool, and has brown and beige Arabian rolls around its headline. It has a jaunty glass ornament through which the rolls run.

BOWLER HAT.

A chestnut-brown felt hat in the "bowler" shape has a novel decoration. Three tiny curled feathers, one cream one beige, and one brown, are arranged exactly in the bow o' the brim, which is narrow, and curls up from the face.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



ACROSS

- Not well in a boat after it does this.
- Went off with a bang, perhaps. Anyway, there's a fragment still there.
- Let's train it. The bus is terribly slow, and some of the corners are nasty (hidden).
- Little Collins heralded a great boom after this in the 'Nineties.
- May be of rock or steel, and is intimately associated with us.
- Timbering.
- Conveys a request in courteous letters.
- It may give this to cold meat.
- If the second part is like the first part it will be difficult to comb, you may rest assured on this.
- This is becoming increasingly difficult in all cities.
- When well, this kind of child would, presumably, have merited Solomon's approval.
- Here the name is beside you—and hundreds are also included.
- A gale envelops the mountain, and my end is seen.
- Still you are there.
- Mixed up with the stars—many of whom display its first.
- Sad.
- Ariadne's clue.
- This little animal saved the life of Frederick the Great, at the cost of its own. Another one gave Scotland a king.
- Another Scot seems to have crowded out everyone else from this meeting.

Down

- Withdraw formally from association.
- The glad eye from beneath a cloche hat may deceive in just the same way.
- A shepherd lover.
- You will find this troublesome.

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EXCHANGE RATES.

	Dec. 30.	Yesterday.
Paris	86.9/10	86
Genoa	17.7/10	17.0/16
Berlin	14%	14%
Oslo	18%	18%
Helsingfors	24%	23%
Athens	26%	26%
Buenos Aires	40%	40%
Shanghai	1.11%	
New York	3.39%	3.37%
Amsterdam	8.15/10	8.13/12
Vienna	29%	30
Madrid	40%	39.15/16
Bucharest	67%	56%
Hongkong	1.65%	1.65/10/32
Brussels	24%	24%
Milan	66.15/16	65.11/16
Stockholm	17.15/16	17%
Prague	114%	114
Lisbon	109%	109%
Rio	4%	4%
Rome	1.65/16/22	1.65/16/22
Yokohama	2/3	2/3
Montevideo	31%	31%
Montreal	41.65%	40.1
Silver (spot)	20	20%
"(forward)"	20%	20%

—British Wireless.

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AMAZING HAPPENING IN BRITAIN.

AN AMAZING THING IS HAPPENING IN BRITAIN—EVERYBODY, FROM THE BUTCHER'S BOY TO THE RAILWAY PORTER, IS BUYING A DRESS SUIT!

Mr. E. A. Taylor, editor of the "Outfitter," stated recently, "At least twenty times as many are sold as in 1914."

"The numbers have probably trebled in the last two or three years. One wholesaler, I know, has delivered 3,000 this year."

"It is probably an under-statement to say that 20,000 dress shirts a year are sold in the East End of London; and £600,000 a year is a fair estimate of the extra trade brought to British shopkeepers."

Men wear evening dress to-day, according to tailors, because girls who have seen men in evening clothes at cinemas do not like going to dances with partners in their "Sunday suits."

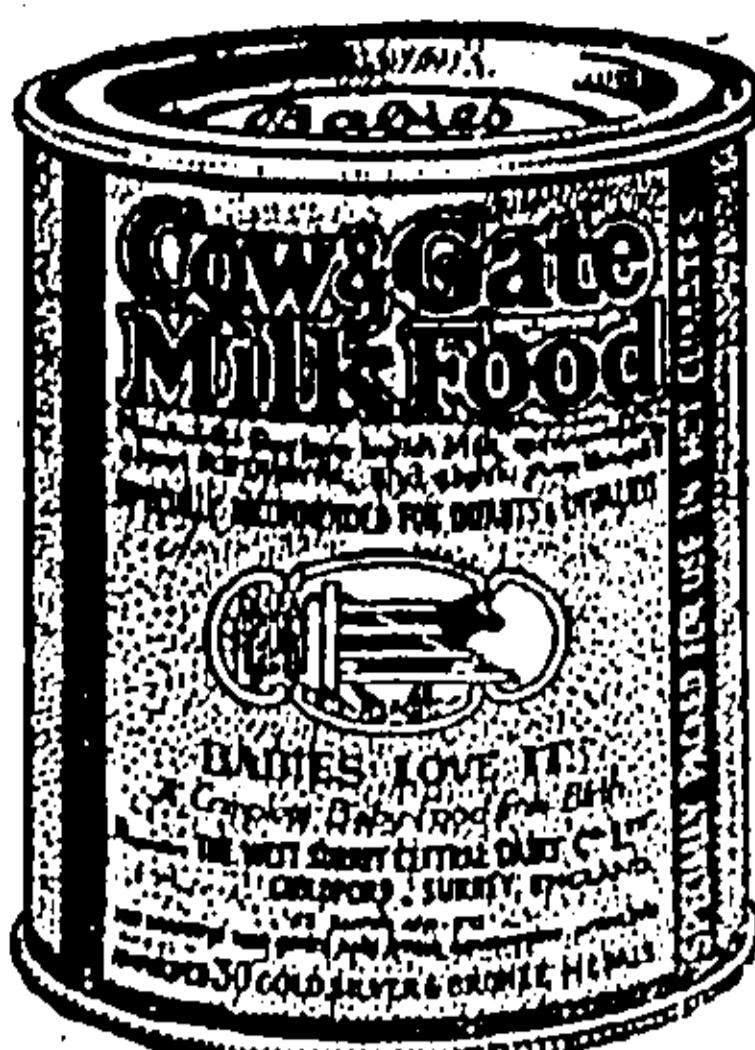
Another tailoring authority said: "It is amazing. Nothing of similar importance has happened in the trade since living memory."

"Butcher's boys, railway porters, factory operators, omnibus conductors, warehousemen, milkmen, shop assistants—hundreds of them are buying evening coats.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1932.

THE CRISIS IN INDIA.

The expected has happened by the incarceration of Gandhi, whose words and activities since his return to India left no other alternative. After the cordial welcome he was given in England, and the obvious desire shown on all hands to take into full account the legitimate aspirations of the Indian nationalists, there was a hope that Gandhi would go back to his native land imbued with a determination to co-operate in the task of evolving a new and better Constitution giving the Indians a large measure of freedom and self-determination. Unfortunately, Gandhi has shown himself bereft of statesmanship. Unable to break from the role of agitator, he has chosen to adhere to the way of destructive activity rather than that of constructive policy, once again aligning himself with the forces of disorder and sedition. In the circumstances, constituted authority could do nothing else than to place him under lock and key, thus making it impossible for him to continue his mischievous agitation.

As we had occasion to observe a few days ago, no sooner had Gandhi returned than he sought to bargain with the Government. But the bargain he conceived was one in which he and his followers were to make no concessions whatever, whilst the Government were to make a gesture in favour of those who defy law and order. The very fact that the Mahatma demanded the repeal of the Ordinances devised for combating terrorism and other illegal activities before he would even consider co-operation, sufficed to show that he was on the side of those whose stock-in-trade is lawlessness. By seeking to dictate terms to authority, whilst not committing himself in any way, Gandhi once again revealed his incapacity to grapple with the reali-

ties of the situation. Indeed, as we analyse his utterances since his return to India, we find this streak of impracticality running through them all. Even when his meaning is clear, which is seldom, he appears mentally incapable of coming to grips with the real issue. He talks glibly of non-violence, the while knowing perfectly well that by allying himself with the forces of disorder he is encouraging his followers to extreme acts, whilst the talk by Mr. Vallabhbhai Patel is of "a fierce war to a finish," is also indicative of the spirit animating those who have come under the sway of Gandhi. In fact, it is perfectly clear that the Congress extremists have only one creed—the realisation of their wild aims at all costs, no matter who or what goes under in the process. Happily, they are not truly representative of the bulk of Indian thought, but they are a noisy and dangerous minority whose activities must be curtailed. No-one will more rejoice in the fact that steps have now been taken to put these mischief-makers out of harm's way than those loyal Indians who have the real welfare of their country at heart.

When Gandhi talks, as he does in his message to America, of "oppressed humanity" being engaged in a deadly struggle, he cannot but be credited among those who know the facts with anything but a wilful distortion of the situation. Congress activities, as Mr. Ramsay MacDonald so well expressed it a few days ago, do not represent a baffled India struggling to be free, but merely a mischievous movement which is trampling on India's progress. British goodwill and sincerity have been abundantly, even lavishly, demonstrated in recent months; the response by Congress has been base ingratitude and consistent distortion of the facts. Thus has the latest development been created. The responsibility for the consequences must rest on Gandhi and all those who are seeking to throw India into a condition of anarchy.

Capture of Chinchow.

Military force, condoned, it must be admitted, by the diplomatic procrastination of the majority of the leading Powers, has prevailed in Manchuria. China's last hold on that vast territory has been severed with the occupation, during the week-end, of Chinchow. Advancing systematically and methodically, Japanese forces have seized every important Chinese city in their region of interest, one by one. League resolutions have been ridden over roughshod or their purposes evaded—the effect being the same whichever explanation of Japan's action is accepted. Not a word has been spoken at any League Council meeting, except by veiled inference at the repudiated October meeting, to suggest that there has been the smallest impropriety in those actions, even while it is obvious that Article Two of the Kellogg Pact has been violated, Japan having attempted to secure a settlement of a dispute with China by other than peaceful means.

None has gainsaid her because she is a major Power, a fact which merely emphasises the League's failure in the most complex problem of its history. To-day, perhaps only temporarily—that only time will show—Japan is in complete possession of a huge tract of Chinese territory, exercising a control which could not be more effective had it been secured following an open declaration of war. As will Rogers said on Friday, in his commonsense-cum-humorous fashion, it is not to be wondered at that Japan is now prepared to receive a League Commission of Inquiry, though when a proposal to this end was made in September, with a chance of serving a useful purpose, Tokyo firmly vetoed it. As to the future, none can forecast with any assurance of accuracy. Japan evidently plans one of two things, annexation or the establishment of puppet local government. The probabilities are that she will, certainly for the present, choose the latter method as less likely to crystallise world opinion against her. Whatever course is adopted Tokyo will find it

DAY BY DAY

WHAT TALENTS WILL NOT DO, INDUSTRY WILL.—Henry Fawcett.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Taggart returned from Manila by the s.s. President Hoover.

The total rainfall recorded at the Botanic Gardens during December was 4.83 inches. The highest fall was 3.34 inches on the 8th.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is now central near Nagasaki, moving E.N.E. There is no information regarding the Pelew typhoon.

On account of the diphtheria epidemic, the meeting of the English Association, for Mrs. C. E. L. Griswold's lecture on "Magazines," has been postponed from January 5 to Tuesday, January 10, at 6.30 p.m. in the Ileema May Institute.

At yesterday's sale of Crown Land at the Public Works Department, an area of about 5,028 square feet of land situated at Cheung Sha Wan was sold to Mr. Ip Tsui-shan of No. 160, Cheung Sha Wan Road. The purchase price was \$4,300, the upset price being \$3,500.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Captain Maurice Rickard Burke, R.A.M.C., Sun Wai Camp, Fanling, to Miss Edith Mabel Booth, No. 53, Nathan Road, Kowloon; also the forthcoming wedding of Mr. Alberto Francisco Xavier de Souza, No. 28, Robinson Road, third floor, to Miss Maria Emilia Lobato da Faria, No. 28, Robinson Road, second floor.

A general meeting of the Hongkong University Amateur Photographic Club will be held at the University Union Assembly Room to-morrow, at 8.45 p.m., when Mr. E. A. von Kobzany will give a friendly criticism of the pictures entered at the present exhibition. The meeting will be open to the public.

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"No ball?"

"No ball," he turned back as he walked away, to add: "You won't miss it."

"Swinging?" It seemed to me, a normal male adult, that I had been swinging for some time on that first tee, and "hit the ball" summed up the result pretty neatly.

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"Fixing the mat sternly, I let go. A beautiful drive, all of 280 yards, and shutting my eyes proudly I watched it curve magnificently round the copse. Forty yards from the pin, but at that point just off the velvet in the longer grass. Turning the mat over, I took up my mashie-niblick. Screwing the eyes tight, I stood on one leg as that clean, crisp shot ran round the rim of the hole. Bad luck, but I sank the 12in. putt with ease."

Evidence to the effect that Chung King-man, first prisoner in the Kowloon City robbery trial at the Criminal Sessions, was possessed of a good character, was given at this morning's hearing. Two of the witnesses, a Chinese preacher of the London Mission, and the Assistant Manager of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Kowloon, stated that they had known prisoner from birth and that he was of a very good character. The case is proceeding.

difficult to establish security for her regime. The Chinese have momentarily surrendered to might, but they have remarkable recuperative powers, while it is by no means certain that the Manchurians (including so many emigrants from other Provinces) will submit willfully or for long to their complete severance from China Proper.

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SUN FO'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE TO NATION.

Seeking Voice of Public Opinion.

THE HOPES OF 1932.

Sun Fo, the New President of the Executive Yuan, has issued a New Year message to the nation, urging the people of China to co-operate with the government so that China may find during 1932 a road to peace and prosperity.

The message reads:—

"The Republic of China was established twenty years ago. During those years hardly a day has passed without the country experiencing anxiety and disturbance. These unfortunate years are now over.

"It is only natural that we should hope that China will hereafter be strong and prosperous, but, whether or not that wish is fulfilled depends upon our ability to make the coming year an epoch-making one in China's long history. The responsibility rests with the people of China and especially with those members of the Kuomintang who have been entrusted with the task of reconstructing our nation."

Bound to be Obstacles.

"In view of the unfortunate occurrences of the past, many people have frankly expressed their pessimism regarding China's future. Many have been disillusioned and some have fallen into a state of complete despair. Such is not the proper attitude of a revolutionary. China has a glorious history. We must understand that during a period of transition there are bound to be obstacles and difficulties. It is for us to grind our teeth and to push forward, whatever hardships we find on our way. Only by cultivating a spirit of perseverance and patience shall we finally remove all obstacles and reach the road to prosperity. The life history of Dr. Sun Yat-sen should set an excellent example for us."

Military Dictatorship.

"The fundamental cause of our troubles in the past 20 years has been military dictatorship. This is so evident that no explanations are necessary. The reason why the military group could dictate State affairs was chiefly due to the absence of any force stronger than the military. There are, roughly, three political forces in China; firstly the military, secondly, the politicians, and thirdly, the people. During the past 20 years the people were either unorganized or not properly organized, so that their influence was not felt. The politicians only knew how to solve political problems in accordance with the prevailing military situation. These politicians, were really the tools of the military and, as a result, the military group dominated China's political life."

A Wrong Impression.

"A popular theory has thus come into existence that the military with rifles are always powerful, whereas the civilians, without rifles, are naturally weak. In order to find a new road for China, we must try to eradicate this entirely wrong impression from the mind of the people. I sincerely hope that the military and the politicians will realize their mistakes after seeing the consequences of their administration during the past 20 years."

"Merely changing the mind of the people alone, however, will not help the country materially. The people of China must organize themselves according to their profession and locality. As soon as the people of this nation are properly organized, public opinion will become effective and the political leaders of the country will have proper support in their handling of the affairs of State. The evils attendant upon the settling of disputes by armed force will then be removed. If the people are not organized, although the Government may be sincere in its desire to encourage mass movements, the people's rights will still remain merely a matter of phraseology. Without proper backing from the masses, the people will never enjoy fully their rights and privileges."

Great Sacrifice.

"In conclusion I wish to say, a few words about the organization of the new Government. The reorganization of the organic laws of the National Government and the reorganization of the Government were brought about only after great sacrifices had been made. I firmly believe that the change will meet the unanimous support of the nation. I also believe that only by faithfully adhering to the

NEW YEAR GOLF MEETING.

RESULTS OF FOUR CONTESTS.

The following were the results of the New Year golf meeting held under the auspices of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club:

Bogey Pool (New Course).—G. E. R. Divett (14), three up, won. C. W. F. Booker (4) was one down. Eleven entries.

A. B. Stewart Cup (New Course).—G. E. R. Divett (14), three up, won. Sixty-four entries. Mixed Medal (New Course).—Cancelled owing to lack of entries.

Medal Round (Old Course).—Capt. J. H. Anderson won with a score of 76 (81-5). Sixteen entries.

Bogey Pool (Old Course).—W. R. Vallance (10), one up won. G. E. R. Divett (14), all square, was second. Other scores included L. G. S. Dodwell (5), Col. R. B. Skinner (8) and H. L. Schultz (17), all one down. Eighty-two entries.

WUCHOW SEES THE NEW YEAR IN.

BUSINESS SUSPENDED FOR THE DAY.

Wuchow, Jan. 1. This morning the explosion of thousands of fire-crackers, set off by the business men and shop-owners of Wuchow, ushered in the New Year.

That the foreign calendar rather than the lunar one is recognized officially is evidenced by the fact that the Chinese Maritime Customs and the Wuchow Post Office observed New Year's Day by closing their offices to business.

A general holiday was declared, the common and middle schools suspended classes, and business houses ceased their trade for the day, thus leaving the business quarters of the city rather deserted. In the afternoon the local troops of Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts gave an excellent exhibition of drilling on the main parade grounds.—*Our Own Correspondent*.

ROBOT CONTROL FOR FIRE SIGNALS.

INVENTION TO EASE TASK OF BRIGADES.

London, Dec. 31. An electric robot that controls street traffic during fire alarm has been produced by two London engineers.

The robot, which reduces the journey of an engine from the station to the scene of a fire to less than half the time previously taken, is being put into operation at Hull to-day.

When a brigade receives a call to a fire, the robot, by the operation of a switch, sets at "danger" all traffic signals along the route to the scene of the fire. It also informs policemen on duty along the route of the number of fire engines engaged and illuminates cross road signs reading "Stop! Fire engines coming."—*Reuter*.

LOW WATER ON WEST RIVER.

SANDBAR HINDERS NAVIGATION.

Wuchow, Jan. 1. At present the water on the West River at Wuchow is extremely low for this season of the year.

Just below the Wuchow harbour, a sandbar has appeared which is a serious problem to navigation. Some of the larger boats pass the shallow spot with great difficulty, and one is unable to clear the bar.

However, the low water did not prevent H. M. S. Cleala from making its scheduled visit to Wuchow.—*Our Own Correspondent*.

principles which form the basis of the present change can we have real democracy in China.

"I have been elected to occupy the most important post in the new Government. Although knowing full well that I am not equal to the task, I decided that it was my duty to accept the appointment at this time of grave national crisis and I have done so in accordance with the peerless spirit of our late leader, Dr. Sun Yat-sen. I shall do my utmost and I trust that the people of the nation will co-operate with me. It is especially my wish that public opinion may find full freedom of expression in the press, so that a complete understanding may be established between the Government and the people and that they may co-operate with each other in their now undertaking."

DEATH OF PRISON WARDER.

MR. C. V. HAGAN DIES IN HOSPITAL.

Mr. Christopher Vincent Hagan, a warden of the Prison Department, died at the Government Civil Hospital on Sunday night, a victim of pleurisy, double pneumonia and meningitis.

The late Mr. Hagan was formerly with the King's Regiment, from which he passed out in April, 1924, to join the Prison Staff of Victoria Gaol. A keen sportsman, with a particular penchant for boxing, he participated in tournaments held by the Hongkong Police Force, while he was extremely popular with his colleagues and a large circle of friends outside. His death at the comparatively early age of 40 years, is much regretted. Much sympathy goes out to the widow who is in the Colony.

The funeral, which took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery last evening, was marked by full military honours, by virtue of the deceased's former connexion with the Army. A firing party, band and buglers from the South Wales Borderers preceded the cortege, and the rear was brought up by a detachment of European and Indian warders from the Victoria and Lalichok Prisons.

Amongst those present were Mr. J. W. Franks, Superintendent of Prisons, Chief Warden Buchanan, Mr. P. Grant, Chief Inspector of Police, Dr. Griffiths, Medical Officer of Victoria Gaol, and ex-members of the King's Regiment.

A wealth of wreaths testified to the great esteem in which the deceased was held.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL SUMMARY BY STOCK EXCHANGE.

The morning session opened quite featureless, with the exception of a strong demand for H.K. Electrics and Trams.

Sales.

Trams, \$22.30.
Hotels (old), \$15.14.
H.K. Fires, \$1.260.

Buyers.

Wharves, \$152.14.
Hotels (old), \$15.20.
Chinese Estates, \$95.
Telephones (part paid), \$29.
Cements (old), \$12.35.
Dairy Farms, \$29.
Pawels, \$3.35.
Providents (old), \$54.
Providents (new), \$2.35.
H.K. Electrics, \$79.

Singapore Tractions, 3/-.
Agricultural, \$10.14.
Watsons, \$16.90.
Constructions (new), \$1.80.

Sellers.

Canton Insurances, \$1.370.
Indo-China (Pref.), \$45.
Indo-China (Def.), \$32.
Chin Underwriters, \$4.90.
Raubs, \$39.
Entertainments (old), \$16.50.

HOME TELEVISION IN TWO YEARS.

PREDICTION AT BAIRD MEETING.

London, Dec. 31. Television in homes and theatres within two years was the prediction made by Major Church, one of the directors, at the annual general meeting to-day of the Baird Television Company.

By then, he stated, the radio manufacturers in Britain and in other countries would be devoting most of their plants to the production of television apparatus. "Television is no longer restricted to close-up views of the head and shoulders," stated Lord Ampthill. "It is now possible to transmit a scene consisting of a group of several persons and to broadcast specially written plays."

FOURTEEN MILLION TELEPHONES.

BIG GROWTH IN LONDON SYSTEM.

London, Dec. 30. According to statistics issued today, the number of telephone calls in London has increased from eight million in 1923 to fourteen million in 1931.

Special exchanges are being constructed by the General Post Office to deal with overseas traffic and London promises to be the centre of what may before many years become a world telephone exchange. Already subscribers in Britain are able to converse by telephone with people in many parts of the world and both South Africa and Japan will soon be able to take calls.—*Reuter*.

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MORE TRAFFIC OFFENCES.

FINES IMPOSED BY MAGISTRATE.

In prosecuting Chinese motor cyclists on a summons for negligent driving in Percival Street, Sub-inspector Nicol informed Mr. Schönfeld, at the Central Police Court this morning, that the defendant was about to turn into Lockhart Road when he saw the officer and suddenly swung to the right across the road to the pavement.

The defendant admitted the summons and was fined \$15.

A lorry driver, accused of driving at a speed of 32 miles an hour, was fined \$16 by his Worship on a plea of guilty being entered.

For failing to report an accident to the police, the driver of a public car was fined \$25. The defendant was stated by Sergeant Delainey to have knocked down a woman in Winglok Street and then to have driven off. The officer saw a basket on the bumper of the car and stopped the driver. As he was approaching the crowd to secure particulars, the defendant drove away.

CONGRESS BID FOR CONTROL.

(Continued from Page 1.)

of the Round Table Conference. The three committees foreshadowed in that statement will embark for India on January 16 to pursue the enquiries necessary for the completion of the constitutional plan.

Consultative Committee.

Furthermore, a Consultative Committee of the Round Table Conference is being set up in India to examine other aspects of the problem. Gandhi's name was included in the list of its members. It is the considered policy of the British Government to pursue steadily a plan of negotiation with the object of obtaining the greatest measure of agreement on constitutional questions, and to bring to their consideration every leader of India opinion who is willing to co-operate.

No Hesitation.

Whilst the alternative constitutional organism is being brought into existence, the Government will carry out, without hesitation, its responsibilities for order in India, and calls for the support of every Indian who desires to guard his country from widespread disorder and misery.

The Prime Minister, who is in Lossiemouth, is in constant touch by telephone with Downing Street, and has been kept fully informed of the latest events in India.—*British Wireless*.

LADY BATTERSEA'S 20-PAGE WILL.

GIFT TO THE QUEEN.

The twenty-page will of Constance Lady Battersea, of Overstrand, near Cromer, whose estate has been valued at \$200,000, "so far as can at present be ascertained," begins:

"I die in the Jewish Faith in which I was born and brought up, but at the same time I am anxious to record my fervent admiration and deep respect for such teaching of the Christian Church as leads to purity of life and right conduct."

Legacies left by Lady Battersea include:

To the Queen, a gift and jewelled cabinet inscribed "From Charles I. to Henrietta Maria."

To Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, a picture of Worcester Cathedral.

Lady Battersea also left £10,000 between the Cromer Hospital, Metropolitan Hospital, Jewish Association for the Protection of Girls and Women and the Jewish Board of Guardians.

ETON ECONOMISES.

KNICKERBOCKERS BANNED.

Flannel knickerbockers have been banned at Eton College until further notice—in the interests of economy.

New regulations, signed by the Boys' Captain and the Captain of the Eleven, order that:

1.—No flannel knickerbockers will be worn after the end of this half. Boys who under the present system have their shorts, will be allowed to wear a House colour top to their stockings.

2.—House-coloured scarves only will be allowed after the end of the summer half.

3.—Blazers may be worn only by the Eighth, the Eleven, Keeper of Rackets and the Twenty-two. The Second Eight may wear one of the boating blazers to which they are normally entitled.

4.—No trimmed zephyrs are allowed, except to members of the Eighth and Second Eight, and to those rowing in the final of the House Fours.

5.—No flags for wet bob races are allowed, except for those who reach the final, and they alone may put up such flags in their rooms.

6.—Twenty-two, fives, choices and mixed wall stockings are not allowed.

The regulations are issued by order of the Athletic Committee.

RADIO BROADCAST

PROGRAMME OF RECORD MUSIC.

From Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 355 metres.

5.00-8.00 p.m. European programme of Columbia records.

5.00-5.30 p.m. Operatic.

Song-II Trovatore-D'Amor sull' al Rose (Verdi).

Song-Aida-O Patria Mia (Verdi).

Cello Solo-The Meistersinger-Prize Song (Wagner arr. Squire).

W. H. Squire. L2166.

Orchestra-Cavalleria Rusticana (Mascagni)-Introduction.

The British National Opera Company's Orchestra-Song-Cavalleria Rusticana (Mascagni) and Wentherry-Siciliana.

Heddo Nash (Tenor). L5127.

Chorus-Rigoletto-Quintette (Fairst Daughter of the Graces) (Verdi).

Maria Gentile, Ebe Stignani, Alessandro Grand

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A world's record partnership established by W. M. Woodfull and D. G. Bradman for the second wicket has enabled Australia to gain the upper hand in the Third Test match against the South African tourists, which was reached here this morning.

Continuing the innings this morning, Woodfull, who had made 73 over night, and Bradman, whose score stood at 97, went on to establish a world's record for the second wicket partnership, reaching 274 runs before being separated. This beat the previous best created by W. M. Woodfull and C. G. Macartney in Australia in 1926, when the pair added 235 runs between them.

After Bradman left for 107 runs, his third century in consecutive Test matches against South Africa, Kippax went to join Woodfull. The time interval was taken with the total standing at 328 for two wickets. Woodfull being 113 and Kippax still to open his account.

554 for 9.

On going in again, Woodfull steadily added to his score, while Kippax hit out freely, and the runs piled up. When he had reached 161 Woodfull was caught and Kippax also succumbed to a catch when he had completed a bright 67. McCabe, however, who had followed Woodfull, was in fine form, and when he left, also by the caught and bowled route, his contribution had reached no less than 71.

Rigg, Oldfield, n'Beckett, and Wall did not stay long, but the earlier batsmen had established a magnificent Australian recovery, and the day's play closed with the score 554 for 9 wickets. Scores:

Australia.—1st Innings.
W. H. Ponsford, b Bell 7
D. G. Bradman, c Cameron, b Quin 2
W. M. Woodfull, c Cameron, b Bell 7
A. F. Kippax, c Bell, b Quinn 22
S. J. McCabe, c Morkel, b Bell 22
K. Rigg, c Mitchell, b Bell 68
E. L. n'Beckett, c Mitchell, b Quinn 4
W. A. Oldfield, c Vincent, b Quinn 9
C. V. Grimmett, c Morkel, b Bell 0
T. M. Wall, not out 12
H. Ironmonger, run out 7
Extras 198

Total 554

Bowling.
A. J. Bell took five wickets for 63 runs and N. A. Quinn four for 42.

South Africa.—1st Innings.

B. Mitchell, c McCabe, b Wall 17
H. Curnow, b Grimmett 47
J. A. J. Christy, c McCabe, b Ironmonger 16
H. W. Taylor, lbw, Grimmett 11
D. P. B. Morkel, lbw, Ironmonger 33
H. B. Cameron, st, Oldfield, b Ironmonger 39
K. C. Viljoen, b Wall, b McCabe 11
C. L. Vincent, c Oldfield, b Wall 11
Q. McMillan, c Oldfield, b Wall 29
N. A. Quinn, b McCabe 10
A. J. Bell, not out 18
Extras 358

Total 554

Bowling.
Wall took three wickets for 98 runs a Beckett 0 for 29, Grimmett 2 for 100, Ironmonger 3 for 72 and McCabe 2 for 41.

Australia.—2nd Innings.

W. M. Woodfull, c Mitchell, b McMillan 161
H. H. Ponsford, c Mitchell, b Bell 34
D. G. Bradman, lbw, Vincent 167
A. F. Kippax, c Curnow, b McMillan 67
S. J. McCabe, c Mitchell, b McMillan 71
K. Rigg, c Mitchell, b Vincent 0
W. A. Oldfield, lbw, McMillan 4
E. L. n'Beckett, b Vincent 16
C. V. Grimmett, not out 0
T. M. Wall, b Vincent 21
H. Ironmonger, not out 21
Extras 554

Total (for 9 wkt.) ... 554

—Reuters.

VISIT TO MACAO.

RADIO SPORTS TEAM FIXTURES.

During their visit to Macao during the New Year holidays the Radio Sports Club played two hockey matches and one football match.

The result of the hockey match with Lieutenant Costa's team on Saturday afternoon was a draw. Each side obtained one goal, play being fast and strenuous.

Playing against the Club Groupe Desportivo Hockey Team on Sunday afternoon the Radio Sports won 2-0 in a very fast and exciting game.

Playing football against the Club Groupe Desportivo on Sunday morning the Radio Sports were only weak to turn out a comparatively weak team but nevertheless managed to hold their opponents until within a few minutes of the close of the game when the Macao forwards managed to break through and score the winning goal. The Radio with Karnall Singh in goal put up a sound defence and successfully withheld many spirited and determined attacks by the Macao forwards.

Mr. George Thompson, who died at Workington, Cumberland, aged 88, rose to pounds as a boy, with John Peel.

PERRY'S FEAT.

SPLENDID VICTORY OVER BOROTRA.

Paris, Jan. 4.—F. J. Perry, the British Davis Cup player who is visiting the West Indies shortly, gained a splendid victory over Jean Borotra 6-6, 7-5, 6-1, 6-4 in the final of the Paris Christmas International Tournament. The match was packed with thrills.—Reuters' Special Service.

Further Successes.

Perry also won the men's doubles final with Housman, and the mixed doubles with Mademoiselle Allegretti-British Wireless.

THIS TALKIE STUFF.

(Continued from Page 6.)

ful American slang he uses; he simply will not give it up."

Mr. Jones laughed. "Is that all? Why worry about such a little thing? He'll grow out of it."

"It's not a little thing," expostulated Mrs. Jones. "We have our position to think about. He is the only son of a schoolmaster, and his grammar is worse than the grocer boy's. Its 'Oh, yeah,' and says you," and that sort of thing all day long. It's disgraceful."

Mr. Jones was mildly amused, but he realized that his wife was in anything but a jocular mood as she continued her monologue.

"He ought to be showing the other boys a good example, instead of which—" she broke off abruptly.

"Oh, I don't think he is any worse than the others," said Mr. Jones.

"Well," went on his wife, "yesterday I called him, and he said quite calmly, 'O.K.—baby, coming right along.'

Mr. Jones smothered a laugh, but under the accusing eye of his better-half, hastily assumed a pose of more appropriate severity.

"I would not have minded half so much," continued the annoyed mother, "but that horrid Miss Brown was passing at the time and heard what he said. I was very angry, but had to smile and pass it as a joke."

"That's too bad, Mabel," said the husband. "I will certainly talk to him. Where is he?"

"He will be here directly, and I will send him to you when he comes in."

Mrs. Jones departed, and her husband resumed his reading.

In a few moments the door opened and Mr. Jones's ten-year-old son and heir appeared.

"Hello, chief!" he cried. "Ma says you want to bawl me out about something. Shoot?"

Mr. Jones assumed his most magisterial air and frowned on the juvenile delinquent.

"Robert," he commenced, "I wish to talk to you about your language."

"Oh, yeah! What about it?"

"Please remember I am in no mood for levity. Your mother and I insist that you stop using those horrible American slang phrases, which I presume you have acquired from the talking pictures. Do you understand?"

"Yes, father," said a very subdued voice.

"The words which you are using," continued Mr. Jones, "are only heard in the slums of American cities, and are only used by the criminal population. People of little or no education, and with whom you would be ashamed to associate in their own country."

"Yes, father."

The parent had stepped down now, and the schoolmaster had taken charge, so the homily was continued.

"In the United States, people in a position similar to ours (coughing modestly) speak just as good and pure English as we do ourselves. Their conversation is not liberally besprinkled with vulgar catch-words such as you have been in the habit of using."

"Those words are simply not used by people of refinement and good breeding, and I look to you to set an example to the other boys in this matter. Do you hear me?"

"Yes, father."

"Well, that will do. Remember I am very angry with you, and in future I expect you to use our mother-tongue. The English language is a glorious heritage, and is capable of adequately expressing every human emotion. Certainly the well educated gastronome of American cities have nothing which is good to add to our vocabulary. Remember, no more of it."

A crestfallen Bobbie crept out of the room, and soon his mother appeared, smiling expectantly.

"Well, dear," she asked "did you speak to him?"

"I'll say I did," said Mr. Jones proudly. "When he gets through with that awful, he can come back for more. Gee, you can bet your winter underwear there will be no more American wise-cracks from that boy. From now on he's gonna' be us King's English, and what's more, he's gonna' like it."

MARCONI TELLS OF NEW WONDERS.

DEATH WAVES: HOT RAYS.

Wireless waves which behave like light, but can penetrate fog, and will kill mice and birds, are coming according to Marchese Marconi, who has returned to London after months of experimenting on board his yacht Elletta.

The Marchese forecast big developments in secret and directional wireless as a result of his discoveries, and a hopeful message to broadcast listeners suffering from jamming of B.B.C. stations.

He confessed that even he was surprised at the peculiar things happening on very short wavelengths.

"I was startled a short time ago," he said, "to hear everything I said into the microphone repeated very quickly four or five times. If I spoke the short Italian word Si it sounded like this, 'Si, si, si, si.'

"I was speaking on the new shortwave wireless telephone circuit established between Rome and Sardinia, and this is what happened:

"Each word went right round the world in one seventh of a second. The message went round the world time after time, and on each occasion as it passed our receiving station, I heard what I had said!

"This got such a nuisance that I have been compelled to work upon something to prevent it. Otherwise a whole sentence would jumble up, with multiple repetitions.

"The wave length used on that occasion was 9½ metres. My recent experiments have been on much shorter wavelengths, as short as 20 centimetres, in fact.

Like A Searchlight.

"When we deal with waves like this (that is, with very high frequencies) it almost ceases to be wireless, and becomes in effect invisible light.

"I can reflect the beam of waves, reflect it, and use the transmitter like a searchlight, throwing the beam round in any desired direction.

"The snag is obvious. We can only send the beam just over the horizon, and, since it goes in a direct line, there must not be any obstacle, such as trees or buildings, otherwise the waves will be obstructed.

"You Warm Up."

"I think these waves of about 20 to 50 centimetres, however, will be extremely useful for communication at sea between battleships, and those in squadrons of aeroplanes could talk to each other secretly.

"Engineers tell me that such shortwaves can kill mice and birds. I have not experimented with them as a death-ray, but if you get in their path your whole body begins to warm up.

"The actual ray feels hot, although, of course, you cannot see it.

"My experiments are not finished, so I shall, perhaps, investigate this effect.

"Another mystery I have to solve is what happens to the beam when you direct it upwards into the space."

Asked the Marchese whether he thought short waves would solve the jamming problem.

"I believe it will help listeners enormously," he said. "My company is building a five-metre transmitter for the B.R.C., which will be installed on Broadcasting House to install the ordinary programmes.

"Reception at this new station over a radius of a few miles should be free from jamming."

FOUR OF THE KING'S HORSES SOLD.

MODERATE PRICES.

Four of the King's horses, sold at the Newmarket December sales, fetched moderate prices. They were:

Ward in Chancery (270 guineas);

Palm Branch (146 guineas, Mr. Charley Lund);

Lilabet (140 guineas; Mr. E. F. Barry);

Glass Slipper (90 guineas; Mr. Michel).

Among brood mares sold were:

The Earl of Carnarvon's Maka (6,000 guineas; Mr. A. B. Briscoe);

and Doushka (3,000 guineas; Mr. A. B. Briscoe).

Lord Astor's Gay Bird (1,000 guineas; Mr. Alan Baker);

S. P. (1,100 guineas; Sir Charles MacNeill).

Lord Derby's Hallowe'en (2,500 guineas; Mr. Alan Baker);

M. Marcel Boussac's Channell (1,200 guineas; British Bloodstock Agency).

Among the horses in training sold were Lord Derby

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CINEMA SCREENINGS.

NOTES SUPPLIED BY THE THEATRES.

Edmund Lowe has been asked many peculiar and embarrassing questions during his stage and screen career, but the one which he believes takes the prize was put to him during the filming of the Fox romantic drama, "Transatlantic," which is now showing at the King's Theatre to-day.

Lowe had just disembarked from the de luxe ocean liner, "Transatlantic," from which the picture gets its name when he was met on the gangplank by a young reporter who asked, "What is your opinion, Mr. Lowe, are the two most important personages in a movie star's retinue?"

"The cook and the tailor," laughed Lowe, "that is if you want to play romantic roles."

"You may be the world's greatest lover," he added, "but you can't put the proper spirit into a kiss if you have a double chin and your coat doesn't fit. The audience will laugh when it is supposed to breathe a deep sigh. Imagine how far Romeo would have gone with Juliet if he had been built along the lines of Irvin S. Cobb, or if he had appeared under the balcony dressed like Will Rogers, estimable gentlemen and highly successful in their own lines, understand, but not cut out for screen lovers."

Lowe practices what he preaches at all times. In addition to careful watching of the calories, Lowe also goes in for strenuous exercise, tennis, golf and swimming being his favourite methods of discouraging surplus poundsage.

Lowe likes good clothes and spends more on his personal wardrobe than any other man in Hollywood. While most actors have clause in their contracts requiring their employers to supply all costumes, Edmund Lowe insists upon the privilege of buying his own and has them perfectly tailored, even the uniforms such as he wears in the Marine epic in which he now stars, "Melotone co-star."

Lowe gives a good idea of what the well-dressed man should wear and how the perfect lover should not in "Transatlantic." The ladies whose hearts he causes to flutter are Lois Moran, Greta Nissen and Myrna Loy. Other prominent are Jean Harlow, John Halliday, Earle Foxe and Jessie De-Voreka. The production was directed by William K. Howard.

"Her Wedding Night."

With the completion of her role in "Her Wedding Night," her latest starring picture, which opens at the King's Theatre next, Clara Bow had played her way through the complete histrionic alphabet, for, in "Her Wedding Night," she makes her debut in farce comedy.

Clara Bow's latest should establish her as one of the most versatile actresses in the history of the theatre, says Frank Tuttle, director of "Her Wedding Night," who also piloted the red-haired "It" girl through "True to the Navy" and "Love Among the Millionaires." Clara Bow has now played drama, melodrama, tragedy, light comedy, smart comedy, musical comedy.

The trio of solemn funsters is composed of Ralph Forbes, Charlie Ruggles and Skeets Gallagher.

"Her Wedding Night," is Forbes' first picture for Paramount since he acted in the memorable "Beau Geste," and it represents Charlie Ruggles' first work at the Paramount Hollywood studios, all of his previous pictures having been made in New York. Skeets Gallagher, in "Her Wedding Night," plays his second picture in succession opposite Miss Bow. He was recently seen with the "It" girl in "Love Among the Millionaires."

British Film To-morrow.

"I have already realised that there is one subtle but far-reaching difference between acting on the stage and acting in a film studio," said Sir John Martin Harvey to an interviewer at the Netherlands studios, where he was having his first experience of "talkie" work in "The Lyons Mail," which is showing to-morrow at the Queen's. "I take work on the stage to be my opportunity to convey whatever message I wish. Never hitherto have I produced a single play without feeling the imperative need of getting its message over to the audience. My conviction based on some experience by now, is that good acting is largely dependent on the response which the audience makes to the actor. This response may be favourable or it may be unfavourable, but the audience is essential. There is a human touch in stage work which has its influence on those on the stage."

"Here, however, there is no audience and consequently no reaction, and one is dependent for inspiration largely on one's own imagination. The main advantage of screen over stage work is that facial expression counts for so much more. In the ordinary theatre there is generally such a distance between the audience and the actor that the actor depends for effect on voice only. In the film, however, facial expressions are reproduced with such wondrous exactness that they count for very much more. Silence has succeeded in reproducing the words but not yet the variations in tones, and so certain personal characteristics of the actors are lost in the film. But this, I believe, will be remedied in time, and time may not be so distant as some imagine. But I cannot help feeling that as a religious service over the wireless is only a poor substitute for the human touch of worship in a church, so at best the film is but a substitute for real acting."

"The Ghost Train"

One "fan" story tells us that Donald Calthrop, who plays the station-master in "The Ghost Train," showing to-day at the Queen's, lost his way 900 feet below in the Dunker-

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Hongkong Bank, \$1475 n.
Chartered Bank, 210 n.
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East Asia, \$128 n.

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Union Waterboats, \$26 n.

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Benguet, \$10½ n.
Kailana, 27½ n.
Shai Explorations, Tls. 2.70 n.
Rubis, \$39 n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$163½ b.
Whampoa Docks, \$29 n.
South China Motors 310 n.
Provident (old) \$25.25 b.

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Lands, Hotels, etc.

H.K. S. Hotels (old) \$15.20 b.
H. K. S. Hotels (new) \$14.75 n.

H.K. Lands, \$82½ n.
Shai Land, Tls. 30 n.
Humphries' \$19 n.
Realities, \$12 b.

Rubber (Utilities).

Tramways, \$22.30 n.
Peak Trams, (old), \$15.60 n.
Star Ferries, \$9614 n.
China Light, 27.86 n.
H.K. Electrics, 379 b.
Maeno Electric, \$23 n.
Telephones, \$33 n.
China Buses, Tls. 17.90 n.
Singapore Tractions, 3½ b.

Industries.

China Sugars 60 cts. n.
Mahabas, \$39 n.
Canton Ice, \$6½ n.
Cement (com.) 19.50 n.
Ropes, 18 n.

Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$29 b.
Watsons, \$16.5 b.
Der. A. Wings, \$1 n.
Lane Crawford, \$6.60 n.
Mackintosh, \$19 n.
Sinceres, \$15½ b.
Powells, \$13.5 b.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$19.50 n.
Constructions, (old) \$5.55 b.

Other.

Holiday Inn, Tls. 10 n.
Collyer, when on location in Somerset. For over an hour he groped about seeking release and only found bruised. Then he heard a faint tapping noise. It was Jack Hubert indulging in the hobby of chipping off geological specimens. This yarn has to be reconciled with the fact that Jack Hubert spent much of his spare time picking fossils at quarries in the hillsides, and not 900 feet below the surface.

"Dirigible"

By curious coincidence, all three of the men chiefly responsible for "Dirigible," Columbia's air speech showing to-day at the Central Theatre, started in life as engineers, though none worked at the engineering profession for any considerable length of time.

Jack Holt specialised in civil engineering at the Virginia Military Institute, and followed the work at various times in his career after graduating, but has never pretended seriously that he is an engineer.

Ralph Graves comes of a long line of engineering ancestors, and prepared for a career in the profession of his father and grandfather at the Case School of Applied Science in Cleveland, Ohio, his home town. He majored in metallurgy, and worked at it for a time, but soon gave it up to go on the stage. Once since starting his picture career he returned to the engineering profession for two years, but again gave it up to answer the call of the camera and footlights.

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a chemical engineer in 1918, but almost immediately went into the army and did not return to engineering after the war.

"Mother's Millions."

If you're worried about not having enough money, you'll get double your share of enjoyment out of "Mother's Millions," the Universal picture which will be the next attraction at the Central Theatre. This picture presents a highly diverting and, at times, strongly dramatic story of folks who had to fight their wealth for their own happiness.

The leading figure is a fabulously wealthy woman with a fighting heart,

who beats the crooked manipulators of millions at their own game. But hers is a fight for the happiness of others, and the manner in which her triumph is reached forms one of the most entertaining talking pictures of recent weeks.

Francis Dado, one of the fastest

coming youngsters on the screen to-day, has a leading part in the picture which was written especially for May Robson, beloved character star of the legitimate stage. Others in the cast of screen favourites are James Hall, Lawrence Gray, Edmund Breese, Elinor Flynn and Lillian Harmer.

This picture was adapted from the stage play "Mother's Millions,"

by Howard Mckenzie Barnes. It was

adapted for the screen by Winifred Dunn, James Flood directed.

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THE PRINCE'S SECRET.

FINDING THE APT QUOTATION.

The Prince of Wales revealed some of the secrets of his speech-making when he spoke at a banquet of the Clockmakers' Company at the Merchant Taylor's Hall, Threadneedle-street.

"I always try to look up some apt quotations before I come to any of these City dinners," he said.

"To-day I looked up clocks and clockmaking, but I could find nothing. Then I looked up 'time,' but still I could not find anything."

"On my way here in a car I thought of 'Time like an ever rolling stream,' but that doesn't seem apt."

"Then I thought of 'Time and tide wait for no man.' Well, there are occasions when we are grateful if our watches act a bit slow. We can pull them out and say, 'Awfully sorry I am late, but you see my watch is slow.'"

PHONING NEW YORK.

Continuing, the Prince said:

"I have occasionally telephoned to New York, and they tell me that there is a device to cut you off at the end of three minutes' conversation."

"If we have rung up to find out the prices in Wall Street, and to save any investments we have over there, we would be only too delighted to be cut off, but if we were talking to a lady friend, or to our wives, we curse the invention, or question its accuracy."

"There is an invention for controlling the traffic lights in Oxford-street," added the Prince, "and I believe there is an idea for a time-keeping device at public dinners. This would sometimes be an extremely useful invention."

SUPPRESSED IN BRITAIN.

A LETTER BY QUEEN VICTORIA.

New York, Dec. 10.

A letter from Queen Victoria to Mr. Gladstone during his Premiership, hinting at abdication if the House of Lords were reformed and protesting against the growth of destructive democracy, is given in the American edition of the memoirs of Frances Countess of Warwick just published here under the title "Discreetions," but does not appear in the British edition, issued under the title "After-thoughts" by Cassell.

Other deletions include the view, attributed to Gladstone, that it would have been a good thing if Queen Victoria had retired from the Throne not later than at the Golden Jubilee, of which celebration Gladstone did not approve. The Queen's letter to Gladstone, written in the third person, is quoted in the American issue of Lady Warwick's book as follows:

"No one is more truly Liberal in her heart than the Queen, but she has always strongly deprecated the tendency of the present Government to encourage, instead of checking, the stream of destructive democracy which has become so alarming. This it is that she must justly alarms the House of Lords and all moderate people."

"To threaten the Lords that they will bring destruction on themselves is in fact to threaten the monarchy itself. Another sovereign but herself must acquiesce in any alteration of the House of Lords. She will not be the Sovereign of a democratic monarchy."

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THE DOG RACING AT MACAO.

RESULTS OF WEEK-END CONTESTS.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Macao, Jan. 4. Greyhound racing is all the craze at Macao and the attendance on Saturday and Sunday nights was all that could be desired, with a goodly sprinkling of persons from Hongkong and elsewhere.

There is some talk of holding afternoon racing on Sundays, in the future, for the convenience of Canton and Hongkong visitors.

The Results.

The results of Saturday's racing were as follows:

The Amny Stakes, 300 Yards.

M. G. R. C.'s My Choice 1

Mr. R. V. U. Wang's Yellow Dragon 2

M. G. R. C.'s Express 3

Time: 10.00 secs. 1 length; $\frac{1}{4}$ length.

Parimutuel: Winner \$42.50; Places \$9.50, \$5.70, \$7.70.

The Swatow Stakes, 300 Yards.

M. G. R. C.'s Frontier Laddie 1

Mr. C. H. Henry Chan's Hector 2

Mr. K. T. Wang's Ben Bill 3

Time: 10.00 secs. 12 lengths; 1 length.

Parimutuel: Winner \$17.00; Places \$7.40, \$3.60, \$5.70.

The Kowloon Stakes, 300 Yards.

Mr. Jimmy's Square Deal 1

Mrs. A. H. Bolserne's Spring Day 2

Mr. Zee Tsuong Tuck's Can Go 3

Time: 10.00 secs. 6 lengths; 3 lengths.

Parimutuel: Winner \$7.00; Places \$3.80, \$5.70, \$5.

The Flora Hurdles, 300 Yards.

Mr. Zee Tsuong Tuck's Silvo 1

Mr. Zee Tsuong Tuck's Sunny Jim 2

M. G. R. C.'s Hinawatha 3

Time: 20.70 secs. 1 length; $\frac{1}{4}$ length.

Parimutuel: Winner \$9.30; Places \$2.20, \$2.00.

The Green Island Handicap, 525 Yds.

Mr. K. H. Schen's Doctorship 1

Mr. K. T. Wang's War Plume 2

Mr. K. H. Schen's Generalship 3

Time: 32.10 secs. 20 lengths; 15 lengths.

Parimutuel: Winner \$20.40; Places \$5.80, \$3.80.

The Canton Stakes, 500 Yards.

Sultana's Queen (Mag) 1

Mr. P. E. Ling's Great Delight 2

M. G. R. C.'s Dusty Maid 3

Time: 31.80 secs. $\frac{1}{4}$ length; 3 lengths.

Parimutuel: Winner \$15.30; Places \$5.40, \$4.30, \$3.90.

The Hongkong Stakes, 500 Yards.

Mr. K. T. Wang's My Bill 1

Mr. C. H. H. Chen's Cinderella 2

Mrs. P. K. V. Foong's Butterly 3

Time: 32.30 secs. Lead Heat for 1st place; 3 lengths.

Parimutuel: Winner \$9.30; Places \$2.20, \$2.00.

The Macao Stakes, 500 Yards.

Mr. F. R. de Carvalho's Estrelita 1

Mrs. Dong Chung She's Blue 2

Time: 33.60 secs. Short Head; Short Head.

Parimutuel: Winner \$7.50; Places \$3.30, \$3.60, \$4.80.

SUNDAY'S EVENTS.

Good Sport Witnessed in Several Races.

The results of the racing on Sunday, were as follow:

The Swatow Stakes, 300 Yards.

Mr. L. Nyantai's Marigold 1

M. G. R. C.'s My Caprice 2

M. G. R. C.'s My Boy 3

Time: 20.40 secs. Short Head; $\frac{1}{4}$ length.

Parimutuel: Winner \$7.00; Places \$3.60, \$4.80, \$4.20.

The Kowloon Stakes, 300 Yards.

Mr. L. H. Richards' Charming Gipsy 1

M. G. R. C.'s Flyaway 2

Mr. C. K. Schen's Information 3

Time: 31.60 secs. 18 lengths; 7 lengths.

Parimutuel: Winner \$5.40; Places \$2.00, \$2.60, \$3.60.

The Amny Stakes, 300 Yards.

Mr. L. H. Richards' Charmer 1

M. G. R. C.'s My Pal 2

M. G. R. C.'s Miss Modesty 3

Time: 33.00 secs. A neck; Short Head.

Parimutuel: Winner \$12.60; Places \$3.30, \$3.60, \$3.30.

The Tsinshan Stakes, 300 Yards.

Mr. F. R. de Carvalho's Brilante 1

Mr. L. Faung's Censorship 2

M. G. R. C.'s Jillander 3

Time: 19.80 secs. $\frac{1}{4}$ length; 2 lengths.

Parimutuel: Winner \$7.00; Places \$4.00, \$4.70, \$4.80.

The Canton Stakes, 500 Yards.

Mr. C. H. H. Chen's Cinderella 1

M. G. R. C.'s Flyaway 2

Mr. C. K. Schen's Information 3

Time: 33.10 secs. $\frac{1}{4}$ length; 2 lengths.

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HIGHER FREIGHTS. MR. DOLLAR'S NEW YEAR SURPRISE.

HIGHER freight rates, Mr. R. Stanley Dollar, President of the Dollar Steamship Co., frankly advocated during an interview with the Singapore Free Press upon his arrival on board the President Harrison.

"I don't mean between the Straits and America, only, of course," said Mr. Dollar, "but on all routes generally. There ought to be more co-operation; the shipping lines ought all to get together and stabilise rates and when they're losing on the rates as we are to-day, stabilise them on a higher level."

"Some of them are being forced to drop out of route as it is. Not that this is the case with the Dollar line, of course, because we've got to carry on whatever happens, since we carry mails too."

Asked if an increase in the rates on the Dollar line was to be in the nature of a "New Year surprise" for shippers, Mr. Dollar said their rates would not be increased until other lines increased theirs. He did not know who would make the first move but he felt they would all begin to realize that they had "come to the end of the tether," and to speak of soon taking an effort to co-operate and make a joint move for their own sakes.

Mr. Dollar evinced considerable interest in the story of Mr. E. A. Barrbour's rubber ship, of which he had not had apparently much previous knowledge, and at the conclusion commented this would not have been possible if all the lines worked in co-operation as he suggested. Was Mr. Barrbour contemplating another charter?

"Supposing you were to increase freights by \$1 per ton you would help the shipping lines tremendously. That would pull us out of our trouble wouldn't it?" (Mr. Dollar asked of the Dollar Steamship Company's Singapore representative, Mr. R. R. Bates, who was present.) And it wouldn't affect commodities hardly at all.

"Then again if you stabilise freights you will be able to stabilise commodities too, which is obviously beneficial." Speaking of the Dollar Steamship Co.'s recent merger with the United States and Roosevelt lines, Mr. Dollar said they would now operate on the Atlantic as well as on the Pacific. The American Government had been very anxious for them to build up the American Atlantic service, which was before not very strong, and that was the way they intended to do it.

CHIANG'S MOVE.

SENSATIONAL NEWS FROM THE NORTH.

Nanking, Jan. 4. Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang's recommendation for the summoning of a Nine-Province Military Conference in Peking has caused a sensation in Government circles here which interpret the move as an attempt to consolidate Chiang Kai-shek's military power in Central China.

It is the Cantonese leaders' belief that Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang has a secret agreement with Chiang Kai-shek's military commanders, and although the Nine-Province Military Conference is to be called for the ostensible object of defending North China following the Japanese occupation of Chinchow, there is a strong suspicion that Chang Hsueh-liang is acting for Chiang Kai-shek.

Nanking Denial.

The War Minister, General Ho Ying-ching, many years the chief lieutenant of Chiang Kai-shek, was interviewed by Chinese newspaper correspondents in Nanking regarding the news from the North. General Ho Ying-ching said that he was greatly surprised by the publication in a Shanghai newspaper of reports concerning a Nine-Province Military Conference in the North, and in this connexion he said that as the highest responsible military officer in the absence of Chiang Kai-shek, he wished to let the public know that the Military Officers commanding the Nanking troops in Hankow and Kiangsu had wired to Nanking denying their intention of joining this Conference.

Both General Ho Cheng-chun of Hankow and General Hsung Shih-kai of Kiangsu have wired to the Nanking Government reporting that the situation in Central China has remained exceedingly quiet. These two officers reported that they had not been consulted by Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang or any other North China military leaders on this subject. The Nanking Government is investigating the origin of this sensational news.

Leaders' Absence.

At the Central Political Council in Nanking is the highest authority in South have been summoned to go to Nanking including Messrs. Tang Shao-yuan, the Finance Minister of Canton, Tai Tak-ku, head of the Treasury Department of the Finance Ministry, and Dr. P. C. Ihsien, head of the Revenue Department. Dr. Hsieh left on Sunday for the empire of Japan for Shanghai while Mr. Tai Tak-ku will be leaving to-day on the President Hoover to Shanghai to meet some of the Nanking leaders in conference. During the absence of the Finance Minister, Mr. Wu Shou-ying has been asked to remain in the South to wind up the Ministry's affairs.



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FRENCH AIRMEN TO TAKE OFF TO-DAY.

Le Bourget, Jan. 4. The French airmen Codet and Robida, who in September unsuccessfully attempted to fly to Tokyo from Paris, will take off tomorrow from Marseilles for a flight to Hanoi and back.—Reuter.

THE ARREST OF GANDHI.

MANY BOMBAY MILLS CLOSE.

CONGRESS UNLAWFUL.

Poona, Jan. 4. After travelling in a motor-car 120 miles, Gandhi and Patel, both feeling the cold intensely, arrived at Yeravda gaol at 8.30. The arrest had been so expeditious that not a single Congress member or member of the public saw the cars arrive.

Gandhi's vow of silence prevented a speech, but he gave his gaoler a broad smile of recognition, and once inside the gaol the Mahatma turned unhesitatingly towards his old quarters, which had been hurriedly prepared for his reception.—Reuter.

Reaction in Bombay.

Bombay, Jan. 4. The dramatic suddenness of Gandhi's arrest stunned the city, with an immediate reaction. Fourteen out of 72 mills have closed, and the bullion, grain, cotton and stock exchanges have closed in protest.

A hartal is being observed in the Hindu quarters of the city, and processions and meetings have been arranged for this afternoon.—Reuter.

London Press Comment.

London, Jan. 4. Commenting on Gandhi's arrest, the *Daily News* (Liberal) says:

"To read some of Gandhi's pronouncements one would suppose that the Bengal Ordinances were a malicious trick to outrage Indian opinion and trample upon Indian liberties. They are nothing of the kind. They are an expedient which the Government has been reluctantly, and after long patience driven to protect the lives of its servants from persistent terrorist attacks. It may be true that some of the organisations conducting these attacks have nothing to do with Gandhi's organisation, and that Congress as a body has never formally approved assassination as a policy. But it is also true that the disapproval expressed by Congress of the murders has been extraordinarily lukewarm, and that Gandhi himself has pronounced, since his return to India, no really uncompromising anathema on this wholly abominable business. There was really scarcely any other course left to the Government in view of Gandhi's attitude. With terrorism in any shape or form no British Government can parley."

(To be Continued.)

Prompt Measure to Calm Villagers.

New Delhi, Jan. 4. A sweeping drastic reply to the threats of Indian civil disobedience is contained in four Ordinances promulgated by the Viceroy, under which the Central Government is given special powers to maintain law and order, including press control, power to declare any association unlawful throughout British India, and an Ordinance declaring peaceful picketing an offence.—Reuter.

Gandhi's Advice.

New Delhi, later. The Congress Working Committee has been declared unlawful. This declaration was made under the new Ordinance promulgated this morning, enabling the Government to declare any Go to gaol, bear lathi blows and assembly unlawful.—Reuter.

Fewshaw, Jan. 4. The authorities are appealing to the scattered villagers literally over the heads of Congress agitators. Aeroplanes are dropping leaflets exhorting the agrarian inhabitants not to be misled by the politicians into pursuing useless agitation and counselling them to continue their peaceful avocations in the assurance that reforms will be carried out.

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RAZOR INCIDENT ON SHIP.

LACK OF DIRECT EVIDENCE.

DRUNKEN BRAWL.

Some doubt as to whether the charges against a seaman, William Wishart could be proceeded with was expressed this morning when it was again produced before Mr. Fraser at the Kowloon Magistracy on counts of inflicting grievous bodily harm on William Davidson with a razor on the ss. Pentyne on Jan. 1, and of assault. It was stated that defendant was drunk at the time and was not in possession of his faculties.

Detective Sub-Inspector Elston was in charge of the case for the prosecution.

Giving evidence, William Davidson, a seaman on the Pentyne, said he did not remember clearly what happened on the morning of January 1. He knew he was on board with the defendant, both having had some liquor. Defendant was drunk and witness himself was under the influence of liquor. He remembered quarreling with the defendant, later coming to blows, after which he found he had been cut with a razor.

Borson's Story.

Mr. J. J. Smith, bosun of the Pentyne, testified to being on board the ship until the early hours of the morning of January 1. He was not on duty at the time and had not had any liquor. He saw defendant and Davidson coming on board at about 11.30 p.m. on New Year's Eve. The former was very drunk, but the latter did not seem to have had much liquor. They both went to the forecastle and remained there until near midnight, when they went on deck.

Later, witness saw Davidson striking Wishart and the two men started to fight. Witness stopped them from fighting and went back to his own room. Seeing Wishart following Davidson to the bridge deck, witness did the same and saw the two men begin to fight again. There was blood over Davidson's shirt, and, after separating the men, witness was told by Davidson that he had been cut with a razor.

Razor in Hand.

Witness took Davidson away and went back to look for Wishart whom he found with a razor in his hand. He asked him for it, but, meeting with a refusal, he struck the defendant and took away the razor, throwing it overboard.

Witness then went back to see to Davidson's injuries and sent Wishart to his room. He called the latter at about 3.30 a.m. and told him that the police were there to arrest him for cutting Davidson with the razor. He was still under the influence of drink and did not seem to understand.

CHURCH MISSION TO EAST.

PRESBYTERIANS ON A VISIT.

Swatow, Jan. 2. The English Presbyterian Mission has been receiving a special deputation sent out by the Home Church. The leader of the delegation is the Rev. G. L. Brander, M.A., Convener-Elect of the Foreign Missions Committee of the Church. With him are associated Miss Moore and Miss Grant, who hold offices in connexion with the Women's Missionary Association of the Church, and Dr. Carruthers, who, in addition to having a special interest in the medical side of the work, is also a leading layman of the Church and Chairman of the Business Committee of the General Assembly.

Dr. Carruthers is a specialist in the history of the Westminster Assembly of Divines, who met in the time of the Great Rebellion and the early days of the Commonwealth. He has received the Doctorate of Philosophy from Edinburgh University for research work on the Westminster Confession of Faith.

The delegation has visited the Hakkia country, spending ten days in Wuking-fu, and has closely examined the work and discussed the future prospects of the Mission in Swatow and Chaochow-fu. It is about to cross to Formosa, and will finish its tour of the stations of the Mission in Amoy later in the month. *Our Own Correspondent.*

Evidence was given by Sergeant Michell of arresting the defendant on the ss. Pentyne in consequence of a report received at the Water Police Station.

Inspector Elston deposed that in answer to the charges defendant said he did not know anything about cutting Davidson.

Second Charge Fails.

His Worship said the only evidence against defendant on the first charge was that of one man and the circumstantial evidence that the complainant had received some cuts. The complainant himself had said he did not know what had happened, and nobody else saw anything of the quarrel or the fight. Defendant was hopelessly drunk at the time and was not in possession of his faculties.

As regards the second charge, evidence had been given that Davidson, the complainant, struck the defendant; therefore this charge must fail in any case.

Inspector Elston suggested that if his Worship would adjourn the case, he would bring medical evidence to testify to the mental state of the defendant at the time of the occurrence.

The case was adjourned until this afternoon for medical evidence.

ANTI-JAPANESE BOYCOTT.

COMPLETE EFFORTS IN SWATOW.

STUDENTS ACTIVE.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Swatow, Jan. 3. The anti-Japanese boycott is in full sway. Japanese ships cannot load or discharge cargo, while passengers can only board them by special arrangement with the Consulate or from private launches.

Merchants are compelled by public opinion, or the more vociferous section of it, to give their adhesion to the boycott, and the holding up of large stocks of Japanese goods is becoming an increasingly serious problem.

New Year Problem.

It is estimated that some two million dollars' worth of Japanese goods is held by the shops, and inability to liquidate these makes the approaching settlement at the end of the financial year (the old-time Chinese New Year) a matter of much anxiety to many firms.

Student agitation is rife. At present, although the schools are closed for the brief New Year holidays, the student organisations are most active, carrying out a kind of "strike," which presumably means that they continue to use the various school premises without being amenable to the educational authorities. This activity has compelled the Mayor to retire into seclusion.

Boycott Defalcations.

The rallying point of the student agitation has been dissatisfaction with the conduct of the boycott, combined with insistence on its more vigorous enforcement. The students began their campaign by bringing to light serious defalcations in the accounts of the Boycott Committee and then demonstrated against the Municipal *tang-pou*, who retaliated by a shrouding up of the Boycott Committee, a united organisation technically under them. The students still are unsatisfied and are now carrying out their attack against municipal authorities themselves.

GLASGOW FLOODED.

RAIN CAUSES CLYDE TO OVERFLOW.

London, Jan. 4. Severe floods, following heavy rain, occupied Glasgow during the week-end, when the River Clyde overflowed. In some low-lying streets the water was six feet deep, and the police, fire brigades and volunteers rescued hundreds of people whose homes were flooded.—British Wireless.

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